



**Forreston High School FFA
Handbook
2023-2024**



ARTICLE III - Dues

Section I. Dues are \$10 (depending on the cost covered by the State of Illinois Agriculture Education Line Item). By paying dues you become a Chapter, Sectional, State, and National FFA Member. As the year progresses, dues will be adjusted to reflect the time remaining in the school year. If a member joins in January, they will only owe \$10 dues.

Section II. Members should pay their dues at the beginning of the year or beginning of a person's membership in the chapter.

ARTICLE III – Officers

Section I. The officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Historian. The members running for office as a group will decide if they want to keep the following traditional officers listed in Section II or if they would work better in a general officer team. This will be decided in the interviews discussed in Article IV.

Section II. Officers:

President: The president shall preside over meetings and represent the chapter in official and public relations functions. Schedule monthly officer meetings. Prepare and post the agenda for officer meetings. Serve as chair of the FFA Foundation Drive and the FFA Banquet Committee

Vice – President: Assume all duties of the president if necessary. Chairman of the Program of Activities and make the final submission of the National Chapter Award to the Advisor. As well as serve as chair of the FFA Week Committee.

Secretary: Prepare and post the agenda for each chapter meeting as well as prepare and present the minutes of each chapter meeting. Assume all duties of keeping an active roll of members. Help the advisor keep the FFA points up to date. Serve as the chair of the Building Communities Committee and the Test Plot Committee.

Treasurer: Help the advisor receive, record and deposit FFA funds and issue receipts. Collect dues and issue receipts. Present the monthly treasurer's report at the chapter meetings. Serve as chair of the Strengthening Agriculture Committee and Fundraising Committee.

Reporter: Release news and information about the FFA to local, area, and state news media including stories, reports, photographs, and articles., as well as serve as the chapter photographer.

Sentinel: Assist the president in maintaining order. Keep the meeting room comfortable and assist with special features and refreshments. Welcome guests and visitors. Serve as co-chair of the Growing Leaders Committee.

Section III. Female Official Dress: Black closed-toe dress shoes (no tall boots), black nylons, knee length black skirt or black dress slacks, white collared button-down dress shirt, FFA scarf, and Official FFA jacket.

ARTICLE VII – Conduct

Section I. Members need to keep in mind that they are representing the Forreston FFA Chapter as well as the Forreston High School at all times when participating in FFA events.

Section II. If a member is inappropriately representing the FFA Chapter or school while attending FFA events, their parent or guardian will be contacted and expected to pick up the student immediately.

ARTICLE VIII – Forreston Trap Team

Section I. Membership shall be held with the Forreston FFA to participate on the trap shooting team. (See article II & article III)

Section II. Forreston Trap Team members shall participate in FFA fundraisers and meetings. (See article V and article VII)

Section III. Firearms need to be owned by a family member of the student participating. If a student and/or family member does not own a firearm the student may use one of the firearms owned by the FFA Alumni which is registered in the FFA advisor's name. This firearm will be transported to competitions by the advisor or parent and will be returned to the advisor after every competition.

Section IV. Forreston Trap Team members will follow the rules set in place by the Illinois Clay Target League. (Which includes: All student athletes are required to complete and submit certificates for either one of two League-approved firearm safety certification programs – a state-approved hunter education certificate or the League's SAFE Certification.)

Section V. The trap team head coach/coaching staff, FFA advisor and school administration reserves the right to remove any student from the team who is being unsafe during practices or competitions, any student who is making inappropriate comments either in person or online. After being removed from the team the student will no longer participate during that year and rejoining the team the following year will be evaluated by personnel listed above.