# **Shingle Springs-Ponderosa FFA**

# Chapter Officer Application 2020-2021 School Year

# **Guidelines**:

- All officer positions are open to any second and third year agriculture student with a minimum of a <u>G.P.A</u> of 2.00 with no D's or F's in any of your current classes.
- President position shall be open to any student currently holding the Chapter FFA Degree.
- Be familiar with general FFA knowledge (i.e. FFA Motto, FFA Mission Statement, 3 Circles of Ag Education).
- You must either possess or will have earned by the end of your term, your Chapter FFA Degree. You must also have your own FFA jacket or plans to be purchasing one by the beginning of 'summer vacation.'
- Chapter Officers will be given an officer contract that covers their individual responsibilities they will be obligated to honor. Disciplinary action will be based on individual issues if needed.
- Chapter Officers will be participating in activities at the local, sectional, regional and state level and are expected to maintain pride and dedication through their school and personal actions. Officers are required to sign and abide by a responsibility and behavior contract throughout their year of office.
- Chapter Officers are expected/required to take 1<sup>st</sup> period Ag Leadership class the year that they are serving in office.
- Fill out the application on google sheets, have your parents sign and date this form at the bottom, scan it and email it in no later than and return it no later than <u>Midnight on Sun, April 26! (Sunday night)</u>.

  Answer each question as honestly as possible and be sure to use complete sentences.
- Interviews will be held via Zoom on the afternoons of <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday</u>, <u>April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-4pm</u>. Interviews will be individually completed with the Nominating Committee and FFA Advisors. Officer nominees will be notified that evening by phone.
- Chapter officers are expected to attend a Chapter Officer Retreat, dates TBD either in the second half summer or the beginning of the school year. Officers are also expected to attend Chapter Officer Leadership Conference which is expected to be held on Saturday, Sept 26, 2020. In addition, officers are expected to attend Winter Officer Retreat which will be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend.
- CHANGE IN SPEECH EXPECTATION: You will be asked to record a brief (30 secs 1minute) speech explaining why you want to be a Chapter Officer and any ideas you have for the Chapter to your peers. You will send in your recording by midnight on Sun, May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sun night). You are allowed to use props as needed for your speech. You will need to make sure to record in a quiet environment (also wind free) and review your recording before sending it to Mrs. Sawyer.
- Officer Speeches will be shown and voting will take place via Google Classroom for each Advisor, from <u>Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> thru Friday May, 8th.</u> Candidates will be informed the following week if they will be serving as an officer or not.

# Application: DUE BY MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 26. (Sunday night)

Please go to the following link to complete your application: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEeImVhbN--">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEeImVhbN--</a>
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# Please print this and email a copy of it completed to Mrs. Sawyer: asawyer@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

Parents – Thank you for supporting your student in their choice to make a difference in the FFA! It will be an exciting and challenging school year. Your students are required to attend the officer retreat this summer and each month an officer meeting is held at a different student's home. Do you foresee any problems with your student being an officer, attending the retreat, or hosting one of the monthly FFA meetings at your home or a location that you would plan to host for? Please include a separate statement if there is an issue or concern with any of these or with any questions or concerns about events or officer responsibilities and expectations.

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Use the format in this example. This is one idea. Use your own words. You are only limited by your own creativity.

Student's Name
321 Blue Creek Rd.

\*\*Use your own address or the school's address
Placerville, CA 95667

March 10, 2019

Potential Buyer's Name Business Name 344 Willow Way Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Buyer:

In the first paragraph, give them some information about yourself and your project. Tell them what you have learned by doing this project, both leadership characteristics and technical information. What have you had to do to get your project to the fair? What experiences have you had as an FFA member throughout the year? What are your future goals in the FFA program? What else do you do besides FFA?

In the next paragraph tell the person why you are writing (showing your project and competing against your peers at the El Dorado County Fair) Give them the information about your show day(s) and times and invite them to attend the fair to see yours and others' project successes. Then invite them to attend the auction and give them the day and time (Saturday, June 15th at 10am at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds in Placerville, Buyer registration begins at 8am). Write some reasons why this would be a positive thing for them to do (supports young people, tax deduction for any donation made over the market price of the animal, good advertisement for their business, community activity, fun). Explain that before the auction starts you and other FFA and 4-H members are available to speak with community members about their projects and answer any questions that they might have.

In the last paragraph, tell them what your plans for the future are, what you will do with any profit, how you will benefit from their support. Close your letter by asking them again to support the FFA and 4-H members of our county and all of their hard work and dedication to animal husbandry and raising a quality market animal product for our local consumers.

Sincerely,

(sign your name here)

Include pictures of you and your project

Typed Student's Name

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# Ponderosa FFA Monday Memo 4/20/2020



### **Current News!**

- \* Thank you to all families and community members who supported the Drive Thru BBQ last week! We also appreciate students who helped from starting the BBQ fires to serving the last meal. Proceeds from the BBQ help with running Chapter activities, events, and awards.
- \*Our Chapter Officer team is planning to record an awards program that will be available towards the second half of May. We will keep you updated about when that will be available.
- \*State Convention is going to be done virtually this year and will be open to every FFA member! More details to come soon!

### **Upcoming Events**

### Friday, April 24

\*Ear Tag Forms due to Mrs. Sawyer. Send Mrs. Sawyer a photo of you and your animal (with the ear tag and all distinguishing marks/coloring showing), a copy of your bill of sale, and your ear tag form to asawyer@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

### **May 15**

El Dorado County Fair Entry Forms due. See El Dorado County Fair section below for more information.

### June 16-21

El Dorado County Fair-more details below

### June 20

El Dorado County Fair Junior Livestock Auction

Please consider supporting our local 4-H and FFA members! There are many ways to show support. Attached to this email you will find information for buyers and those who would like to join The Group.

## Seniors!

Despite the quarantine conditions we are under, we are still going to be giving out FFA Graduation sashes for our Program Completers, those of you who have been in FFA for 3-4 years including your senior year. We will also be doing a senior slideshow during our online awards presentation towards the end of May for all seniors. Please go to the following link and complete the senior

survey: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZHt9VHHObKGP3KtKBP1B4cr6XvYqeWhwzZaTMS5NOscbHoA/viewform?usp=sf\_link">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZHt9VHHObKGP3KtKBP1B4cr6XvYqeWhwzZaTMS5NOscbHoA/viewform?usp=sf\_link</a> Also, please send a baby/childhood photo and a current/senior photo to Mrs. Sawyer <a href="maissawyer@eduhsd.k12.ca.us">asawyer@eduhsd.k12.ca.us</a>. Those of you who are program completers that complete the survey and send pics by April 28 will have your graduation year embroidered on your sash.

# **FFA Officer Elections**

Are you interested in running for Chapter Office for this upcoming year? See the attachment for more information about the application process and then complete the Application by going to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEeImVhbN--3E\_r8Cm2acSzUmSKr5C1b66avKMVoLPYgE2KQ/viewform?usp=sf\_link

Please complete this application by midnight on Sunday, April 26 (Sunday night).

### El Dorado County Fair

**Fair is still currently scheduled for June 16-20**. The quarantine situation will continue to be evaluated and a final decision will be made by May 15 whether to postpone the fair to the 2nd week of July. We will keep you updated

with any information we are given. If fair is postponed, weight limits will be raised in order to accommodate the animals growing for an additional month. Specifically, the swine weight limit will be raised to 300lbs max.

Exhibitors, it is time to start marketing your projects. This is a requirement to show at Fair. Advisors will be checking buyer letters and Recordbooks on May 15 and sending a list of approved exhibitors to the Fair Office.

Attached to this email you will find information for potential buyers and sample letters. We encourage you to contact buyers now so that you will have people to support you in the future.

- Remember that anyone can support you as an exhibitor at the fair! Do not limit your reach to the "ag community." Your teachers, coaches, family friends, neighbors, orthodontist, dentist, doctor, mechanic, plumber, attorney, CPA, and anyone else you know might want to support you. They might choose to send you a personal donation, contribute to The Group, or buy an animal at the auction.
- **Please write and send 5 letters, but feel free to do more!** Your marketing is only limited by your imagination. Mrs. Sawyer has address labels of previous buyers. Make your letters personal, and consider your tone; use your letter as an invitation to a worthwhile event and a chance to support all exhibitors rather than a "buy my animal" message.
- Once you have letters written you need to:
  - 1. Email or text a copy of your letter to Mrs. Sawyer for approval. Once you have gotten the ok, then:
  - 2. Put them in an envelope and address them to the person or business you are sending them to. Take a picture of all 5 letters addressed with stamps on them and send them to Mrs. Sawyer via text or email. If you would rather have your advisors send them then contact Mrs. Sawyer and she will arrange to pick them up from you and send them out. DO not put a return address label if you are going to have the school send them out.
- PROOF OF YOUR BUYER LETTERS ARE DUE TO MRS SAWYER BY MAY 15!
- Other ideas for marketing might be:
  - Create a color brochure explaining who you are and what your project is.
  - Send photos along with your letters. People love photos!
  - Post color flyers of you and your project in key locations (feed stores, grocery stores, etc...)
  - Email or call potential buyers (probably the least desirable ideas, but more understandable during quarantine)
  - Use social media (with your parents' permission). Create videos or use photos. Maybe do a weekly update on your progress?
  - Mail a special package to a few select people. Maybe you include some pig-shaped cookies or another attention-getting idea.
  - Update and include your resume, create business cards, or do something else to make your letters stand out.
  - Show your previous buyer how much you appreciate their support. Buy two daily passes to the fair (can do this online) and include in your letter.

Check out the El Dorado County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Facebook page. Exhibitors can send in one photo with their animal and a positive message. Message the page or email to <a href="mailto:edcauction@gmail.com">edcauction@gmail.com</a>. Some ideas for your message might be:

- Explain how raising livestock has impacted your life positively.
- List the leadership qualities that you have gained through your project.
- Show how your project will help you in the future.

Thanks to Jenna Love, Elizabeth Bloxsom, Julie Caplan, Alisia Rodriguez, and Bryan Bloxsom for participating already!

Entry Form(s), Parent Code of Conduct, and Release of Liability DUE over email and online payment by May 15. To find your specific species entry form go to: <a href="https://eldoradocountyfair.org/entry.html">https://eldoradocountyfair.org/entry.html</a> under the forms section. Once you have the entry form printed you will complete it based on what classes you are entering. Reminder that all

students must enter showmanship for your market species. We are attaching examples of your entry forms for each species. For those of you entering breeding classes you will need to pull up your species guide under sections and look up the division and class number for your specific classes. Once you have your ear tag form completed you will find your total at the bottom and then return to the Fair page listed above and pay for your entries online. Wristbands can be purchased for the student exhibitor AND for parents and family members who will be frequenting the fair. After payment then you need to scan and email your form to <a href="mailto:entry@eldoradocountyfair.org">entry@eldoradocountyfair.org</a>

**Livestock Judging:** There is an option for students to sign up to compete in a Livestock Judging contest during the fair. Students evaluate a class of 4 animals per species and place them in order of greatest quality to last. Species include market goats, market lambs, market beef and market swine. In order to sign up for this class students need to enter it as a class on their entry forms and the cost is \$5 for the entry fee. There is a belt buckle award for the high point FFA and 4-H member.

Entry info: Division # 550 Class #1 Large Animal Livestock Judging

**Quality Assurance Training**: all students showing an animal at the fair must have attended a Quality Assurance Training Seminar, either in person, or online. Any students who have not done this yet must complete the training online BEFORE MAY 15. Go to <a href="http://yqca.org/">http://yqca.org/</a> to locate the online class. Then save and email your completion certificate to Mrs. Sawyer <a href="mailto:asawyer@eduhsd.k12.ca.us">asawyer@eduhsd.k12.ca.us</a>

**AET Recordbooks.** In order to earn Advisor approval your AET recordbook needs to be updated.

AET updates include: Complete business agreement, Budget, Financial entries for costs, Journal entries at least weekly for time spent with your projects, FFA activities entered into your calendar for the first 3 Quarters of the school year.

- By Friday, May 15 your AET needs to be updated thru at least April 30th
- By June 5th your AET needs to be updated through June 1st in order to continue to stay eligible for fair.

Problems? Need Help? Contact Mrs. Sawyer at <u>asawyer@eduhsd.k12.ca.us</u> or 916-792-9368 or Mr. Harnden at <u>bharnden@eduhsd.k12.ca.us</u> or 209-815-1456.

### **Graduate and Senior Spotlights**

(Please continue to share your good news with your ag teachers so that we can celebrate your successes!)

- \*Chris Archibald will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall.
- \*Elizabeth Bloxsom will be attending the University of Nevada Reno to study nursing next year.
- \*Ashley Phaler has been awarded the CSU Chico Bell Scholarship for Agriculture! This is a full-tuition scholarship!
- \*Lea Thomas will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo studying Animal Science.
- \*Madison Washburn will be attending Oregon State University to pursue her passion in Forestry and Environmental Science.
- \*Makenna Swars will be attending Grand Canyon University in Arizona next year and studying nursing.
- \*Haley Richardson has been accepted to the University of Idaho to pursue her passion for Veterinary Science.
- \*Maggie Spring will be attending Sacramento State University for special education.
- \*Dylan Adams and Nathaniel Kregoski have enlisted and will enter the US Marines after graduation.
- \*Devin Reed has enlisted in the US Navy and will enter following graduation.
- \*Dylan Moul, a graduate and program completer, has recently enlisted in the US Navy last week.

### Ponderosa FFA Floral/Pondo Plants

Mrs. Fletcher has sent an email to those Flower of the Month, Plant of the Month, and workshop customers who have a credit left in the Ponderosa FFA Floral account. Will you please reply to let her know if you want a refund, to carry your money over to next year, or to donate the money to the program? Thank you all for your support this year!

\*Amazon Smile account information: If you're an Amazon.com Shopper click the smile link below: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5864336 and it will immediately give you the option to instantly click to add or change your amazon charity account. Amazon then automatically donates a percentage of all purchases to our organization. Thank you in advance!

\*Have you seen the banners hanging on the fence at the school farm? These banners come with a one year FFA Booster sponsorship for any local business. If you are interested in an FFA Booster sponsorship and banner please email boosters for more information. <a href="mailto:phsffaboosters@gmail.com">phsffaboosters@gmail.com</a>

### **Career Development Event Team News (CDEs)**

\*Be on the lookout for updates from your coaches soon!

### Help Needed!

\*Donations of dimensional lumber or metal: if anyone is aware of any potential donations available for our Ag mechanics program, please email Mr. Harnden at <a href="mailto:bharnden@eduhsd.k12.ca.us">bharnden@eduhsd.k12.ca.us</a>

Check out our new website! We will be continuing to add to it in over the next few weeks! https://sites.google.com/eduhsd.k12.ca.us/pondoagriculture/home

### Check us out and stay up to date with Ponderosa FFA in the community!

Facebook: PonderosaFFA and Ponderosa FFA Floral; Ponderosa High School

Instagram: Ponderosa\_FFA

**NEW Remind App for FFA Announcements** (The first one is full, no need to add this if you were on the initial Remind list and have been receiving occasional reminders.)

Send a text to 81010 with the message @dfkgdd

### **Remind App for Pondo Plants:**

Send a text to 81010 with the message @cg38e96