

VIRGINIA FCCLA

NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS

REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Must meet all requirements set forth by the national FCCLA organization and found in the latest edition of the national bylaws.
- ◆ Must complete the application for Virginia's national officer candidate, found on the state website (www.virginiafccla.org) or available from the state adviser, and send to Deborah Will by the postmark deadline of December 1.
- ◆ The application must have the indicated signatures authorizing the member's candidacy.

PROCESS

The following process for the selection of members to represent Virginia has been developed by the state staff and the Board of Directors.

- ◆ The application with appropriate signatures must be postmarked by December 1.
- ◆ The state staff shall review the application and evaluate the applicant's record of involvement at the state level (including handling of state officer duties, if applicable). The state staff will not endorse any candidate whose previous record of involvement does not indicate that the candidate would successfully complete the duties of a national officer.
- ◆ **If only one candidate wishes to run for national office from Virginia:**
 - ❖ If the state staff endorses the candidate, the application is presented to the State Executive Council at their winter meeting.
 - ❖ The candidate is introduced at the State Leadership & Recognition Conference as Virginia's national officer candidate.
 - ❖ The candidate will complete the application forms as instructed by national FCCLA and submit to the state adviser for signature by April 1.
 - ❖ The candidate will attend the June SEC Leadership Training where assistance will be provided by state staff and the State Executive Council in preparing for the national officer election process.
- ◆ **If more than one candidate wishes to run for national office from Virginia:**
 - ❖ The state staff will select a past member of the State Executive Council to serve as chair of the NOC Selection Committee, whose task shall be to choose which member will represent Virginia as a national candidate. The committee members will be appointed based on impartiality.
 - ❖ The NOC Selection Committee will be composed of a minimum of five individuals who may be: members of the Board of Directors, former state or national FCCLA officers from Virginia, or current members or advisers with significant leadership experience at the state and national level.
 - ❖ The committee will meet in conjunction with the winter SEC meeting to interview the candidates and select one to represent Virginia in the national election process.
 - ❖ The candidate will take a written "Knowledge of FCCLA" test worth 50 points on the rubric used to score the candidates' qualifications.
 - ❖ There will be a 10-15 minute interview with fact and thought/opinion/situation questions. Additional written assignments may be made by the committee and/or state adviser.
 - ❖ The decision of the selection committee is final. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision at the conclusion of the interview process.
 - ❖ The selected candidate will be introduced at the State Leadership & Recognition Conference as Virginia's national officer candidate.
 - ❖ The candidate will complete the application forms as instructed by national FCCLA and submit to the state adviser for signature by April 1.

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

Virginia FCCLA members considering running for national office should keep these points, issues, and policies in mind before becoming candidates.

NATIONAL FCCLA OPERATIONS:

- ◆ National officers miss a considerable number of school days as they complete national responsibilities and participate in state FCCLA functions. Expect a minimum of 30-35 days with five consecutive days missed for the winter National Executive Council meeting usually held in late January or February.
- ◆ National officers' advisers will attend only a portion of the summer NEC meeting and will not participate in the winter NEC meeting. Therefore, the national officer will travel alone to these meetings. Advisers do not accompany officers on any assignment made by the national organization unless paid by the local school division with the exception of the summer NEC meeting and the National Leadership Conference. If the local school division requires the adviser to travel with the officer, the school division must pay those expenses.
- ◆ The national staff does not involve the adviser in communications with national officers and in assignments made to the officer. The officer will have the complete responsibility for meeting deadlines set by the national staff.
- ◆ National staff communicates with national officers primarily by email/social media.
- ◆ National FCCLA does not pay for any portion of officer uniforms. The blazer is on loan from Virginia FCCLA and must be returned to the state association at the end of the term in office. A blazer may be purchased by the officer if it is to be kept.
- ◆ Notification of information needed from officers by the national staff often comes with a short response deadline – sometimes as little as a few hours.

PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- ◆ National FCCLA requires a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- ◆ National officer candidates (NOC) must be able to memorize a 3-minute speech and deliver it with confidence.
- ◆ Candidates must be able to memorize a significant amount of factual information about the FCCLA organization and the national programs.
- ◆ Candidates must be able to use critical thinking skills in analyzing thought/situation questions related to FCCLA.
- ◆ National officers need strong skills in:
 - ~ Time management
 - ~ Writing
 - ~ Public speaking
 - ~ Public relations

WHY SHOULD A VIRGINIA FCCLA LEADER RUN FOR NATIONAL OFFICE?

PERSONAL BENEFITS:

- ◆ Holding office in a nationally recognized organization is a strong resume builder for college entrance and for future job applications.
 - ❖ Major universities consider leadership experiences as well as grade-point average in determining acceptance and for scholarships.
 - ❖ Evidence of outstanding leadership experience is a primary consideration for many advanced college studies programs.
- ◆ Holding national office is a wonderful leadership experience, personally enriching, and results in a network of new friends.
- ◆ Travel to new places and meet new people.

BENEFIT TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION:

- ◆ Gives Virginia a voice in national policy and decision-making.
- ◆ Prestige and good public relations for the state association.