

# DELTONA MIDDLE FFA CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I - Name, Mission and Strategies

**Section A.** The name of this organization shall be the "Deltona Middle FFA Chapter of the National FFA Organization"

**Section B.** The mission and strategies for this chapter are as follows:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
9. Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
10. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
11. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

## ARTICLE II - Organization

**Section A.** The Deltona Middle Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Florida Association of FFA which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

**Section B.** This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Florida Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

## ARTICLE III - Membership

**Section A.** Membership in this chapter shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; (3) Honorary; (4) Provisionary, and as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

**Section B.** The regular activities of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

**Section C.** Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree. Honorary Membership is awarded once a year at the annual FFA banquet.

**Section D.** The Alumni shall have a separate organization and officer team. The purpose of the Alumni is to support the members and activities of the Deltona Middle FFA.

**Section E.** Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.
5. Members must meet Deltona Middle School club eligibility.

**Section F.** Provisionary Members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. A provisionary member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. While in school, void being enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; due to the case of scheduling conflicts and/or other circumstances approved by the advisor.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.
5. Members must meet Deltona Middle School club eligibility.

**Section G.** Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the Secretary.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Emblems**

**Section A.** The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

**Section B.** Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

#### **ARTICLE V - Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership**

**Section A.** There shall be one degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. This degree is the Discovery FFA Degree.

All "Discoveries" are entitled to wear the regulation purple emblem pin.  
entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key.

**Section B.** Discovery FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to National Constitution)

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education for a portion of the school year while in grades seven or eight.
2. Become a dues paying member of the FFA at the local, state, and national levels.
3. Participated in at least one local FFA chapter activity outside of scheduled class time.
4. Have knowledge of agriculture related career, ownership, and entrepreneurial opportunities.
5. Is familiar with the local FFA Program of Activities.
6. Submit a written application for the Discovery FFA Degree.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Chapter Officers**

**Section A.** The offices of an FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sentinel. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor and/or governing body. The teacher(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisor(s). Chapter officers shall be selected based on an application and interview with the selection committee. The committee should be diverse and selected by the FFA Advisor(s).

**Section B.** Officer Duties will be outlined by the National FFA Organization. Specific duties will be determined by the officer team and/or Advisor(s) each year.

**Section C.** The Officer Team will approve the “Probation Policy” and “Removal of Officer Policy” on an annual basis.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Dues**

**Section A.** Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.

**Section B.** Full local, state and national dues shall be paid by all active members.

**Section C.** No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he/she pays full local, state and national FFA dues.

#### **ARTICLE VIII- Meetings**

**Section A.** Deltona Middle FFA will hold a minimum of monthly chapter meetings open to all members. Deltona Middle FFA will hold an annual FFA Banquet to recognize the accomplishments of members and the chapter.

**Section B.** Officers shall hold separate officer meetings to manage the functions and responsibilities of the chapter. Officer meetings shall be determined by the Officer Team.

## **ARTICLE IX - Amendments**

**Section A.** This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the state association constitution or that of the National FFA Organization.

**Section B.** Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution and bylaws of either the state association or the national organization.

## **ARTICLE X – Affiliate with Florida FFA**

**Section A.** We understand that The Florida FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control, supervise or approve local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the Florida FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws. Therefore, as a chartered chapter, we understand that we are operating under the supervision of, and according to the policies set forth by our local school district.

This Constitution was approved by the officer team and then at the members present at the March 7, 2016 general FFA meeting.