

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
CORRIGAN-CAMDEN FFA

CORRIGAN-CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE/FFA

Article I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the "Corrigan-Camden Chapter of The FFA." The letters "FFA" may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B: The purposes for which this chapter has been formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive agricultural leaders.
2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. To strengthen the confidences of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an Agriculture career.
5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual agricultural experience programs.
6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources to the community.
7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations and social abilities.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To build cooperative attitudes among agricultural students.
10. To encourage wise management of resources.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide organized recreational activities for agricultural students.

Article II - ORGANIZATION

Section A: The Corrigan-Camden Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of The Texas FFA Association which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B: This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the Texas Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

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

Section B: The regular work 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.

Section D: Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing if they:

1. Attend local Chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. They show an interest in and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. Pay their dues regularly.
4. Abide by the FFA Code of Ethics.

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 uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the national FFA Organization.

Article V - ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

Section A: There shall be four degrees of active membership in the Chapter. These degrees are (1) The Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) The Chapter FFA Degree, (3) Lone Star FFA Degree, and (4) American FFA Degree. All Greenhands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. Chapter FFA wears the Silver emblem degree pin, Lone Star - gold charm, and American - gold key.

Section B: GREENHAND: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in Agricultural Education class, and have satisfactory plans for a supervised experiences program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA creed, motto, and FFA Mission Statement.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and explain proper use of the FFA Jacket.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws and the chapter program of activities.
6. Personally own or have access to Official FFA Manual.
7. Submit a written application.

Section C: CHAPTER FFA: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least 180 hours of systematic instruction in Agricultural Education at or above the ninth grade level, and have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agricultural science program.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least 3 official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
4. Have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the members own efforts or worked at least forty five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement.
5. Have effectively lead a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA Award Program.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D: STATE FFA DEGREE – Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the State Association.

Section E: AMERICAN FFA DEGREE - Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the Constitution of the National FFA Association.

Article VI - OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Student Advisor, and Historian. The executive committee shall make revisions to the office of Historian as needed by the chapter in the year of service to be held. The advisor shall be the teachers of Agricultural Science in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective officers as listed in the Official FFA Manual and the CC FFA Handbook.

Section B: Officers shall be elected annually. The Officer team may chose by a vote of the FFA Executive Committee to select the officer positions other than that of President and Vice-President. Otherwise the officers will be determined by the rank in which they fall in order of the process of the system.

Section C: The officers and advisors of the chapter together with the chairmen in charge of the major sections of the annual program of activities in relation to the specific committee chairman, shall constitute the Chapter Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the Chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

Section D: Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of advisor.

Section E: Chapter officers must hold a Greenhand degree or higher and have satisfactory scholastic standing and a commendable citizenship and conduct record.

Section F: Chapter officers are required to recite the Opening and Closing ceremony from memory or they will be moved to a non speaking position for all official ceremonies and events by November 1st.

Article VII - MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Section A: Regular Chapter meetings shall be held once a month, (excluding February and March for stock show season) during the school year at such time and place as is designated by the Chapter Executive Committee and the Chapter may hold officer meetings during the summer. *Special meetings* may be called at any time.

Officer meetings shall be held monthly as posted on the AET calendar and FFA Office bulletin board.

Section B: Standard meeting paraphernalia shall be used at each meeting. All regular meetings shall open and close with the official ceremonies. Parliamentary procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

Section C: Delegates, as specified by the state constitution, shall be elected annually from active membership to represent the chapter at the state convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the state.

Section D: Officers shall be allowed to wear official chapter officer shirts when not required to wear FFA Official Dress for all FFA meetings, and or other FFA events other than CDEs.

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 membership present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution or that of the National Organization.

Section B: By-laws may be adopted to fill the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such by-laws conflict in no way with the constitution and by-laws of either the State Association or the National Organization.

BY-LAWS TO LOCAL CONSTITUTION

I. OFFICER ELECTIONS

- A. The chapter officers will be determined by the Executive Committee prior to final elections. The officers will be composed of active members and will carry out the official business of the chapter.
- B. Chapter officers must apply for the election process. The applications must be submitted by posted date.
- C. Officers will be interviewed by a committee and ranked if an interview committee can be set up prior to elections. If the advisors and Executive committee cannot establish an impartial interview group. The interview process may be excluded from the process.
- D. Officers will take a written test over the FFA, local chapter constitution and bylaws and Parliamentary Procedure established by FFA Advisors.
- E. The percentages that the interview, test and elections will be determined by the Executive Committee prior to the election. Tie votes will be broken by the interview.

II. OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS/INFORMATION

- A. REFER TO THE BARBERS HILL FFA HANDBOOK