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**Officer Application**

**Name:**

**Age: 17**

**Address:**

**Years of Agriculture Education: 4**

**Years in FFA : 4**

**Current FFA degree: Chapter**

**Have you ever held an office in the Sauk Prairie FFA Chapter? Yes**

**If so, when and what office did you hold?**

**FFA actives**

- Quiz Bowl (2016)
- FIRE Conference (2015)
- Quiz Bowl Coach (2016-2018)
- Creed Speaking Coach (2017-2019)
- District Speaking Contest (2016, 2019)
- Sauk Prairie FFA Banquet (2016-2018)
- National Convention (2016-2018)
- 212 (2016-2017)
- EDGE (2016)
- Greenhand Formal (2015)
- State Convention (2016-2018)
- 4th grade Food for America (2016-2018)
- 3rd grade Food for America (2016)
- 6th grade Conservation Days (2015-2018)
- 7th Grade Career Day (2016-2018)
- Tractor Pull Food Stand (2015-2018)
- Cow Chip Throw Food Stand (2016-2018)
- FFA Meetings (2015-2019)

- SLW (2016-2018)
- Columbia County Dairy Breakfast Parking (2016)
- Sauk County Dairy Breakfast (2016-2018)
- June Dairy Day (2016-2018)
- State Fair Discovery Barn (2016-2018)
- Ag Day at Mcfarland's (2017)
- Leadership Night (2018-2019)
- May Day Baskets (2017)
- Culvers 10% Night (2015-2018)
- Fruit Sale (2015-2018)
- Strawberry Sale (2016-2019)
- Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Raffle (2017-2018)
- ABS Tour (2017)
- Rewarding Active Members Trip (2017)
- Homecoming Float (2017-2018)
- Rural Safety Day (2016-2018)
- Treinen Farm Corn Maze (2017-2018)
- Laser Tag (2018-2019)

### **School and Community Actives**

- Mobile Meals (2017)
- Sauk Prairie FFA Ditch Clean Up (2016-2018)
- Volunteer at our FFA Blood Drive (2015-2018)
- Help set up Cans for Christmas (2017)
- Tie Blankets for Nursing Home (2017-2019)
- Basketball Manager (2015-2019)
- Dane Fireman's Fest Food Stand (2015-2018)
- Silver Cord (2016-2019)
- Catholic Council of Women (2018-2019)

**3) What leadership qualities do you believe you have would make you a good chapter officer?**

I firmly believe I would make a great chapter officer from my past experiences as an officer, but also as an active FFA member. I am the type of person that is on time and willing to go above and beyond for the alumni members and our chapter members. As an officer I would encourage our younger members to get to know our Alumni members. I would make sure the bonds between Alumni and chapter members are strengthened by my help. At the Cow Chip throw every summer I try to As the type of person that wishes to talk to everyone I wish to help serve our members that are a little more timid and use my skills to help better the chapter!

**4) Goals for the FFA chapter:**

If I become an FFA Officer, my goal of the chapter will be to get the younger members, our community, and our high school more involved. The ways I would get the younger members more involved is by getting the word out by word of mouth and social media. Getting the younger members to realize that if they are in an Agriculture class, they are a part of FFA. I am a huge believer in taking younger members under my wing and guiding them to events that I have a feeling that they would like.

For the community aspect, I would start to get the word out more about our activities and have a board that is showcased at events to show the community what the FFA and agricultural classes have been doing over the course of the year. Our community is the backbone of our organization and we need their support for all the great events we do. We would not be able to have our tractor pull could not be the funderser it would be without the countless hours that people like Brad Anderson.

For the high school, I would have a informational board by the agriculture and biology rooms. This board would highlight the activities that have taken place or upcoming events and how and who can get involved in this. I wish to show, everyone can get involved in the organization because there is a wide variety of opportunities. FFA is a leadership organization that strives to prepare you for your future and anyone can be a member.

**Goals as an FFA member:**

As a FFA member I hope to be the type of officer or member that the younger members can look up to. I hope they know that they can come to me if they think that something should be changed in our chapter and just ask questions, because I remember being afraid of asking questions to our officers and older members when I was younger, so my goal is for younger members not to be afraid of me. I love going to workshops to hear and see the qualities that our State and National Officers have and how they conduct themselves even when they are uncomfortable in that situation. I also strive to be first in the Turfgrass Management Proficiency at the State level and wish to help others with their proficiencies.

**Personal Goals:**

My personal goals are to continue in this amazing organization and strengthen my leadership skills. I like to be involved because agriculture does not discriminate against who you are or where you come from. I also love FFA because the organization becomes a family and stands by you in good times and in bad. My education is a very important part of my life, given that I wish to either go into Agricultural Sales or to be a Technology Education Teacher. I've always wanted to help our community, but since the Cow Chip food stand, my plans have started to shift to sales. I fell in love with the connections I have made with people in our community. I am also a Boys Basketball manager and wish to continue with that as I was the head manager this past year. FFA also has taught me that no matter what you want to do in the future FFA can help guide you.

**5) Why do you think you should be selected to be an officer for the Sauk Prairie FFA Chapter?** I should be selected as a FFA officer because I'm already a very active member in FFA. FFA has become more about communication and leadership skills than just farming. It teaches you to value and work with what you already have, and to strive for the higher things, to set goals and one of my goals is to become an FFA officer for my senior year.

I would continue and strive to be more active in FFA if I became an FFA officer. I love to teach people especially children about agriculture and where their food comes from. So I would like to continue to do more events like State Fair Discovery Barn and 4th grade Food for America. I believe that everyone should be able to see the agricultural industry. I want to focus more on all of the advances and good things about agriculture instead of the bad that the press highlights. I have seen the good of agriculture in some very hard times. I have seen farmers rally around a family after losing one of our own Alumni members and I wish to help highlight these experiences as an officer.

FFA has been my compass since the moment I joined our FFA chapter and then I just fell in love with everything FFA stands for. Through my experiences in the chapter I've meet great friends and learned so much about myself. I have relationships in the chapter, Alumni, and community members that I would not have had in this town without the help of FFA. I hope to help others get the same experiences and joys out of the organization that I do. I wish to lead the younger members, keep the older members involved, and keep the Alumni informed about our activities.

**6) What do you feel you will do differently as a returning officer to make you qualified to hold a position again?**

I would do many things differently if I held a position again. I would make sure that the team would overcome and learn about each other's strengths and weaknesses right away. If we start off the year, the right way with bonding and and team challenges hopefully when problems arise later in the year we will have a better understanding of how to handle those problems. Knowing that throughout the year there will be problems as a team we need to know how to handle those problems and each person wishes to handle those problems. I strongly believe if we start the year off with a very high amount of bonding we will be able to handle these problems that arise way better and have a stronger team in the end.

**7) How many FFA meetings have you attended since June 1st?** I have attended 5 meetings only missing one due to conflict.