

Methods of Selecting Officers

Chapter officers can be selected through a variety of methods. The method a chapter uses will depend on its size and local traditions.

Methods include:

- Members nominate candidates from the floor and immediately vote on them during a chapter meeting.
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- At the end of the school year, current chapter officers nominate candidates for next year's officer positions. Current members vote to elect the officers.
- Interested students fill out an FCCLA Chapter Leader Application. A nominating committee of experienced members, teachers, or Family and Consumer Sciences advisory committee members reviews the applications and suggests two or three nominees for each office.
- Interested students fill out an application and are interviewed and selected by a committee of FCCLA members and adults.
- Students volunteer for or are elected to a leadership team, which then splits up responsibilities.
- Use a preferential style election where members cast their ballots by writing a 1 by the person they think would make the best officer, a 2 by their second choice, a 3 by their third choice, and so on. The candidates with the smallest total votes win. The candidate with the least vote becomes president, second least becomes vice president, while the remaining newly elected officers decide among themselves who will fill the remaining offices.
- Candidates run for office but don't specify which one they want. Members elect the number of leaders needed. These leaders then decide among themselves who will hold which position.