



## 2026-2027 Santa Maria FFA Officer Candidate Timeline:

- **3/30/2026:** FFA Chapter Officer Candidate Online Application & Officer Candidate Packet Released
- **4/15/2026:** FFA Chapter Officer Candidate Online Application due by **4:30 PM**
- **4/15/2026:** FFA Chapter Officer Candidate Packet due to Room 616 by **4:30 PM**
- **4/16/2026 - 4/17/2026:** Candidate Application & Packet Screening (Nomination Committee)
- **4/17/2026:** Round 1 FFA Chapter Officer Candidate List Posted (Time TBD)
- **4/20/2026:** Officer Candidate Meeting at **3:00 PM** in Room 616
  - Review FFA Chapter Officer Candidate Timeline
  - Go over Performance Task & Assign Groups
  - Discuss Town Hall Meeting
- **4/22/2026:** FFA Town Hall Meeting at **4:15 PM** in the SMHS Cafeteria. **Uniform Required.**
  - FFA Advisors will select up to 5 Delegates each to attend the Town Hall Meeting
  - Candidates will meet at **4:00 PM** in room 616
  - Candidates will be presenting their Performance Task to the Town Hall
- **4/27/2026:** FFA Chapter Officer Candidate Flyer (without office) Due to Mrs. Rodriguez for proofing
- **4/30/2026:** April FFA Meeting – Candidates will introduce themselves on stage. **Uniform Required.**
- **5/4/2026:** Round 2 FFA Chapter Officer Candidate List Posted with Slate (Time TBD)
- **5/5/2026 - 5/13/2026:** Chapter Officer Candidate Campaigning
  - Candidates can post approved flyers
  - Review Campaigning Rules as outlined by ASB
- **5/12/2026-5/13/2026:** Voting for FFA Chapter Officer Candidates in Agriculture Classes
- **5/14/2026:** Santa Maria FFA Annual Awards Banquet at **5:30 PM** at the Santa Maria Veteran's Memorial Hall. **Uniform Required.**
  - Officers will be announced at the conclusion of Awards Banquet
- **Friday 5/15/25:** All remaining flyers removed from Ag Department/Ag Teacher classrooms

### Campaigning Rules as outlined by ASB:

1. **Campaigning Dates:** Campaigning will take place the week of **Tuesday, May 5th - Wednesday, May 13th, 2026**
  - a. No flyers or social media posts can be advertised prior to these dates.
  - a. In person campaigning should be completed during school hours ONLY, Monday - Friday **7:30 AM - 4:30 PM** (does not apply to Social Media)
  - a. You can campaign/promote yourself within your personal Ag Classes, but you are not permitted to leave class to do classroom visits.
2. **Posters/Flyers:** ALL Flyers must be **APPROVED** prior to posting. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from candidacy.

- a. Flyers can be created using a variety of different programs including but not limited to Microsoft Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, Google Docs, Canva, etc.
  - b. All flyers must be emailed to Mrs. Rodriguez at [amrodriguez@smjuhsd.org](mailto:amrodriguez@smjuhsd.org) in the form of a **PDF** in order to seek approval. At that time, candidates will receive and response with approval or corrections to be made.
  - c. Flyers can include the following: candidates' name, a picture in Official FFA Uniform, up to 5 qualifications, a catchy slogan, and a theme (can include color, clipart images, etc.). Candidates can also include the FFA Office for which they have been slated
  - d. Candidates can post up to **15** printed flyers in the Ag Department/Ag Teacher classrooms (maximum size 8.5" x 11") advertising their Candidacy for FFA Office.
  - e. Candidates may not post paper flyers outside the Agriculture Department, or anywhere else off campus. The Agriculture Department includes the following classrooms: 609, 610, 611, 612, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 510 & 511. There will also be 4 black sandwich boards located outside these rooms in common areas that candidates can post their flyers on.
  - f. Approved flyers can also be digitally posted on Social Media by both the candidate and friends. Friends can strictly repost the approved flyer(s), nothing more.
  - g. Social media platforms should reflect positive campaigning **ONLY**. In addition, an approved flyer, candidates may also include an **APPROVED** written message as long as they are appropriate, done with good taste, and not allude to any of the other candidates.
  - h. Mrs. Rodriguez will repost candidates' approved flyers on the Santa Maria FFA Social Media pages.
  - i. The Nomination Committee will not repost any candidate flyers on their personal Social Media pages.
3. **Edible items (food, candy, etc.):** Not permitted.
  4. **Giveaways (stickers, pencils & other paraphernalia):** Not permitted.
  5. **Election Day/Week:** Candidates cannot solicit students while voting (candidates cannot make promises or offer bribes to secure votes)
    - a. Voting will take place **Tuesday, May 12th - Wednesday, May 13th, 2026** during student's scheduled Agriculture classes.
    - b. Ag Teachers will be sharing the link to vote during class.
    - c. 9-12 graders will be eligible to vote.
    - d. Students will only be able to vote once as they will have to log-in with their Microsoft Email Account.
    - e. While voting, students will have the option to view candidate's approved flyers.
  6. **Disqualifications:** "ASK BEFORE, DO NOT ASSUME"
    - a. Representing Santa Maria FFA in a poor manner or in a way that does not meet our Chapter's standards
    - b. Negative campaigning
    - c. Any form of campaigning before approval
    - d. Badmouthing or eluding to other candidates
    - e. Using friends to do or act on negatively on your behalf - Friends may repost only your **APPROVED** flyers on Social Media, but nothing more
    - f. Soliciting votes using methods not approved by FFA Advisors - Candidates/Friends of Candidates cannot promise anything in return for votes
    - g. Not following one or more of the set rules #1 - 6.