| Submission Deadline: March 20, 2026 | State and National Officer Candidate Applications and Information sheets should be **uploaded as a PDF** to this <mark>Blue Panda.</mark> |

Officer Information and Voting Procedures Information

The following state officers will be elected at the 2026 State Leadership Conference: president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter. Additionally, the state parliamentarian will be the eligible student scoring the highest on the Parliamentary Procedure test who submitted an application**.**

Candidates for state office should study the requirements and qualifications in the current FBLA State Handbook Officer applications must be uploaded to Blue Panda by the deadline. In completing the officer application, please note the **required** meetings listed on the application form. These meetings are mandatory for state officer candidates and their advisers**.**

Officer candidates will be allowed two (2) minutes during the campaign rally for their campaign speech. Only candidates will speak. **No skits are allowed.**

Out-of-Chapter Contact – State officer candidates **may not:**
- Contact members from other chapters prior to the SLC
- Post the candidate's intent to run for state office on web pages, including chapter websites, on local and state message boards, Facebook, Twitter, other social media sources, such as a phone app, or in e-mail messages
- Create a campaign web site

Officer Candidate Briefing – A meeting for all officer candidates, their campaign table managers, and their advisers will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday in the Rotunda at the Statehouse Convention Center. No campaign material may be distributed before this meeting. Officer candidates should bring examples of each type of campaign literature, favors, etc., that they plan to use in their campaign booths for screening.

Campaign Booths – Booths will be in the Rotunda of the Statehouse Convention Center. Each officer candidate will have one table and two chairs. Campaign tables can be set up beginning at 7:30 a.m., will be open after the Opening Session and will close at 12:00 p.m. Officer candidates are responsible for cleaning up their campaign tables and the surrounding area at the end of the day. Candidates may not use electricity in their booths. Any electronic devices used in the campaign must be battery-powered.

Candidate Q&A – The candidate Q & A will be from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in a breakout room in the Marriott (check app for specific location). Open to voting delegates only. Voting will be held after the Q & A is concluded. Results of the election will be posted outside of Toltec and on the conference app..

Campaign Regulations – There are several regulations candidates should be aware of before planning their campaigns:
1. Officer candidates and two assistants will be allowed to enter the campaign area after 8 a.m. to set-up their campaign tables. Campaigning will open following the candidate briefing. **No campaign literature may be distributed before this time. No more than 3 campaign workers (including candidate) in the booth at any given time.**
2. Signs, stickers, etc. may not be attached to any walls or glass in the convention center or hotels.
3. Banners may not be hung from the walls or on any railings in the convention center or hotels. You may hang a banner from your table in the campaign booth.
4. Campaign material may not be distributed during the campaign rally. Officer candidate schools may display signs, but nothing can be distributed, put in the seats, or thrown through the air into the audience.
5. Candidates may not use electricity in their booths. Any electronic devices used in the campaign must be battery-powered.
6. <mark>**No food due to convention center rules and regulations.**</mark>
7. Candidates may not spend or have received donated materials (at "wholesale" value) and/or money totaling more than $400 in the campaign for state office. Substantiated documentation for donations and receipts for all campaign materials must be itemized and available at briefing. Failure to submit these materials will result in a candidate being disqualified.
8. National Officer Candidate – If interested in running for a National Office, please upload the application to Blue Panda by the deadline. All state officers will follow guidelines when campaigning for a National Office. The SLC voting delegates must vote to approve your nomination.