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Dear NERSBA Scholar:

It is that time of year for us to begin preparing for the upcoming school year and selecting our NERSBA Chapter Officers for 2017-2018. In order to help you in making a decision to apply to become a chapter officer, the attached document attempts to answer questions regarding the chapter officer election process and the chapter officer year of service.

Most members tend to run for a FFA Chapter office because of something in their past experience which has motivated them from an inspirational point of view rather than knowledge of duties and responsibilities of the office. To help you, the candidate, and your parents understand all the facets and components that make up the office, the attached handbook was prepared.

One of the highest honors in the NERSBA FFA Chapter is to serve as one of the nine (9) chapter officers. Past officers report this experience to be of great value to them in the succeeding years. It is an honor to serve, only if the job is well done. To serve effectively, a member must be dedicated to the FFA, must possess superior leadership ability and be willing to devote definite times throughout the year to the job.

The process to become an officer can be a lengthy process. You began this process the day you enrolled in NERSBA and joined the NERSBA FFA Chapter. The experience you gained through agriculture classroom instruction, your Supervised Agricultural Experience program, and FFA have all helped you develop the necessary skills to serve as a leader of the FFA.

The year as a NERSBA FFA Chapter officer is a year of service. The decision to run for an office should not be made lightly or without a sincere commitment to serve. NERSBA FFA officers have many duties that require travel and several days away from home.

If you have the desire to serve the NERSBA FFA Chapter members and have the support of your family and FFA advisors, you should consider participating in the officer selection process. The officer selection process will examine the attitudes and abilities of each officer candidate and reveal which individuals have most completely developed their leadership skills.

All FFA members giving consideration to applying for an officer position are encouraged to review the information included in the NERSBA Officer Handbook, learn as much as possible about what it truly means to be a NERSBA FFA Chapter officer, consider the hours of volunteer time you will need to dedicate, and practice for the interview process.

Good luck with your decision,

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