**AREA VII FFA OFFICER ELECTION TIMELINE**

January 1st to April 21st 2023

Area Officer Online Application time window. A PDF file of the application must be uploaded to Judging Card by midnight on Friday, April 21st.

April 21st to April 30th 2023

Applications will be reviewed by the elections committee to verify eligibility (refer to Area VII FFA Constitution for eligibility requirements).

May 1st 2023

Applicants and advisors will be notified of eligibility to run for office by email.

May 12th 2023

Eligible applicants will complete Phase I and Phase II of the election process at Madison High School. Officer Contracts MUST be turned in prior to taking the exam. Phase I includes: the officer exam, writing exercise, and Round I Personal Interview. The exam will begin at 8 a.m. The writing exercise will follow the exam. The interviews will follow the writing exercise. Immediately following the final Round 1 Interview, students will be notified if they will continue on to the next Phase. Students continuing on will remain at Madison High School to complete the next round of interviews. Those students not making the top two from their district, will be excused.

May 13th 2023

Area Convention Day. All 12 Area Officer Candidates will present a three-minute campaign speech to the entire voting delegation. The Districts will respectively elect a single finalist from each District. The top 8 candidates will be announced. The top 6 finalists will present a 1-minute run-off speech to the entire voting delegation. The new Area President and First Vice President will be elected by the entire voting delegation.