# AREA VII FFA OFFICER ELECTION TIMELINE 

January $1^{\text {st }}$ to April $19^{\text {st }} 2024$
Area Officer Online Application time window. A PDF file of the application must be uploaded to Judging Card by midnight on Friday, April 19th, 2024.

April $19^{\text {th }}$ to April $30^{\text {th }} 2024$
Applications will be reviewed by the elections committee to verify eligibility (refer to Area VII FFA Constitution for eligibility requirements).

May 1st, 2024
Applicants and advisors will be notified of eligibility to run for office by email.

May 4th 2024
The writing exercise and exam portions of the election process will take place on Saturday, May 4th at Davenport High School. Officer Contracts MUST be turned in prior to taking the exam (Please bring paper copies of the application and contracts with signatures of all parties to Phase I of the process). We will begin testing at 8 a.m., and go straight into the writing exercise after the completion of the exam. The candidates will be free to go after they have completed these two steps in the election process.

May 10th, 2024
Eligible applicants will complete the interview portion of Phase I, and Phase II of the election process at James Madison High School. Phase I includes: the officer exam, writing exercise, and Round I Personal Interview. Since the testing and writing prompt will have already been completed, the interviews will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 10th. 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 James Madison High School to complete the next round of interviews. Those students not making the top two from their district, will be excused.

May 11th, 2024
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.

