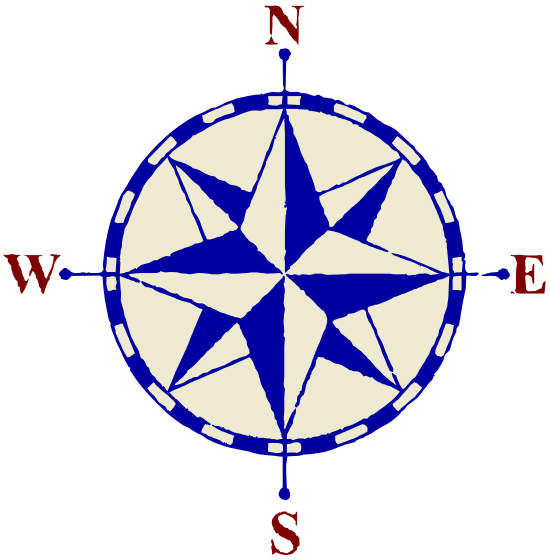
Farm Bureau Youth Council



Cabinet Representative's Manual

Regional Youth Cabinet Representative

Each Youth Council is entitled to a representative on the Regional Youth Cabinet. (In counties where there is no Youth Council, the county Farm Bureau Board may appoint a representative). Any active member of a Youth Council is eligible for the office of Regional Cabinet Representative, however, it is recommended that the cabinet representative be a person who has attended a summer Farm Bureau Youth Summer Leadership Conference.

Officers are elected during the fall one-day conference. Each Regional Youth Cabinet Representative is responsible for carrying ideas from his/her Youth Council to the Cabinet and reporting back to the Cabinet the ideas discussed and/or agreed upon at the Youth Cabinet meetings.

Regional cabinet officers are: Chair, Vice Chair and alternate. The regional chair and vice chair serve on the State Youth Committee (SYC) and as coordinators at the spring fun events and fall one-day conferences, the summer leadership conferences, and the annual meeting youth session. In the event one of these persons is unable to complete the one-year term, the alternate serves as a replacement. Only representatives from active youth councils* may hold offices. The **youth council officer sheet must be on file at OFBF prior to the election.**

State Youth Committee (SYC)

The Chair and Vice Chair of each Regional Youth Cabinet represent the region on the State Youth Committee (SYC). Qualifications for a regional chair, vice chair, secretary and alternate are:

1. Must be an elected representative from an active Youth Council. Current officers for his/her Youth Council must be on file in the Youth Activities office of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation prior to the fall conference in order for the cabinet representative to be eligible to vote or run for a regional office.
2. Must be a Farm Bureau member family or be a Farm Bureau member in his/her own right.
3. Must be at least 16 years old by November 1 and no older than 19 when elected to the **first** term.
4. Must be single and remain single for the entire term of office.
5. Must have definite leadership potential and the ability to work with others.
6. **Must have time** to attend two regional youth cabinet meetings, the fall one-day conference, spring fun event, the summer regional Leadership Conference, State Youth Leadership Conference, and the Youth Session of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting.
7. In addition to attending the above meetings, the SYC meets 4 or 5 times during the year (in Columbus).
8. Be available to help at the Farm Bureau exhibit and Friday evening square dances during the State Fair.
9. May not be a state-wide officer in any other youth organization at the same time as serving on the State Youth Committee.

Tips for the Cabinet Representative

- Participate fully in your council's meetings. Make sure you have excellent attendance. You are the one who will be sharing your council's ideas and reporting at regional meetings!

- **If you plan to run for State Youth Committee, make sure your council's secretary has your officer roster sheet turned in by OCTOBER 1 (October 24 in 2007 only)**!

- Be creative. You will represent your council at the Fall One-Day Conference planning session which is held in either August or September. You attend this session with your advisor. At this event, you will brainstorm ideas for the conference as well as coming up with great ideas to get other teens involved.

- Actively promote and participate in council, regional and statewide events. These include:
  - County events and meetings
  - Multi-county events such as events held with neighboring counties and fun nights, or lock-ins. You may want to get together with another county's youth council to plan your own social outings! Be creative! Be sure to work with your advisor and your council – don't plan anything without their OK.
  - Summer conferences. Your council and county has a great opportunity to send teens to the Summer Regional Conference and to State School, a state-wide leadership conference. Help your advisor recruit. **Hint: if you are interested in becoming a member of the State Youth Committee, make sure you participate in these two important conferences!**
  - Fall One-Day Conferences
  - State events such as the State Fair Square Dance, staffing the State Fair Booth, the Youth Annual Meeting in December, and the Spring Fun Event.

- Work closely with your advisor and council president. They are depending on you to represent your council to the rest of the state. Your council's participation is vital in helping to build teen leaders, provide great social events, and to train tomorrow's leaders.

Thanks for being a vital leader in Ohio Farm Bureau Youth!