

Dear Parent:

Your child is considering undertaking an amazing journey. Being a State Officer is a highlight of any high school career and will open doors for your students that can only be imagined beforehand. Being one of a handful of 8,000 students in New Jersey and one of 500 students out of the 250,000 FBLA-PBL members each year to hold state office is a unique experience that will be rewarded by experience, monetary support, and in most cases, college admissions and scholarships.

As with all great experiences, holding state office comes with great responsibilities. New Jersey FBLA Officers must put FBLA commitments above all other non-academic commitments. This includes sports, part-time jobs and other extra-curricular activities. Notwithstanding academic and family obligations, the expectation is that FBLA will be first. This means that your student may need to make choices in regard to their participation in other areas.

However, this responsibility does not only reside with the student, it also rests with the Chapter Adviser and yourself as the parent. There are required events that officers must attend, and the State of New Jersey, Kean University and New Jersey FBLA requires that all students be chaperoned, which is a capacity that I cannot serve in under Department of Education rules. In the instances where your student's adviser cannot attend, a parent/guardian or designated adult over 21 years of age must chaperone the student. **This may result in some financial expense that will not be covered by New Jersey FBLA, so you should discuss with your student's adviser which events they can attend and which ones they cannot before allowing your child to run for office. This is especially relevant for the Summer Officer Training which will be held outside of the school year and will require overnight supervision and possible out-of-state travel.**

**It is also important that you do not schedule any trips, vacations, camps, or other events that will make your student unavailable at any point during the month of July, as the officer training dates will not be set until April. A student must attend the officer training to serve as an officer. I understand that if the officer does not attend the training on the dates provided, they will be removed from their position and New Jersey FBLA will bill the student for the expenses incurred on their behalf. I also understand that the training dates will not be moved for any reason.**

This is a serious commitment that offers serious rewards. We spend thousands of dollars to clothe, house, feed and train them so they can represent New Jersey FBLA at various events. Many State Officers have been offered large scholarships, including 100% Scholarships to college. Out of the 4 million students who will graduate high school this year, approximately 500 are FBLA State Officers, and out of the over 100,000 high school seniors in NJ, 11 are FBLA State Officers. This puts these students in a unique position when applying to college that will set them apart from the pack. As with other commitments, such as athletics, it involves some sacrifices and may involve some costs, but it is something that I can guarantee, will be the best experience of their high school careers.

I want to make sure that you have a full understanding of the above items. If you would like to discuss this in detail, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [jvictor@njFBLA.org](mailto:jvictor@njFBLA.org).

So that we have an acknowledgement that you have read and understand this letter, please sign below and return it with your student's application packet.

Thank you,  
-Dr. Jeffrey R. Victor  
State Chair

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the "Dear Parent" letter from the NJ FBLA State Chair, should my child/student win election.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_