EVERETT ALVAREZ CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – Name and Purposes

Section A The name of this organization shall be the “Salinas-Everett Alvarez Chapter of the Future Farmers of America” and the letters, “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, its activities, or members thereof.

Section B The purposes for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent and aggressive agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of agriculture life.
3. To strengthen the confidence of students of vocational agriculture in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agricultural occupations.
5. To encourage members in the development of individual occupational experience programs and establishment in agricultural careers.
6. To encourage members to improve the home and its surroundings.
7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of the industry of agriculture.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To participate in cooperative effort.
10. To encourage and practice thrift.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide and encourage the development of organized recreation activities.

ARTICLE II – Organization

Section A The Salinas-Everett Alvarez Chapter of FFA is chartered local unit

of the California Association of Future Farmers of America which

is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B This chapter accepts in full the provisions of the constitution and

bylaws of the California Association of FFA as well as those of the

National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section A Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds:  (1) Active; (2)

Alumni; and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active

membership.

Section C Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary

Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before

the chapter.  An active member shall be considered in good standing

when:

1. They attend local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity.
2. They show an interest in, and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. Are properly affiliated with the state and national FFA organization.

Section E Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the membership

committee.

ARTICLE IV – Emblems

Section A The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem of the chapter.

Section B Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the national

organization of FFA.

ARTICLE V – Membership Degrees and Privileges

Section A There shall be four grades of active membership in this chapter.  These

grades are:  (1) The Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) The Chapter FFA

Degree, (3) The State FFA Degree, and (4) The American FFA Degree.

Section B Greenhand FFA Degree.  Minimum qualifications for election:  (Refer to

State Constitution for a complete list of degree requirements.)

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational education course for an

agricultural occupation and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming, and/or other agricultural occupational experiences.

1. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
2. Describe the FFA emblem, colors, and symbols.
3. Explain the proper use of the FFA jacket.
4. Have satisfactory knowledge of the history of the organization.
5. Know the duties and responsibilities of the FFA members.
6. Personally own or have access to Official FFA Manual.
7. Submit written application for the Degree for Chapter records.

Section C Chapter FFA Degree.  Minimum qualifications for election:  (Refer to

State Constitution for a complete list of degree requirements.)

1. Must have the Degree of Greenhand and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an approved supervised farming, and/or other agricultural occupational experience program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.
3. Be familiar with the purposes and programs of activities of the state association and national organization.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the local chapter.
5. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
6. Be able to lead a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
7. Must have earned by his/her own efforts from his/her supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupation program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least $150 or worked 100 hours on his/her SAE in excess of scheduled class time.

Section D State FFA Degree:  Minimum qualification for election:

1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the

Constitution of the State Association.

Section E American FFA Degree.  Minimum qualifications for election.

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the

     Constitution of the National FFA Organization.

Section F Special Committees shall review the qualifications of members and make

recommendations to the chapter concerning degree advancement.

ARTICLE VI – Officers

Section A The officers of the chapter shall be as follows:  President, Vice President,

Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel.  The local Advisor shall be

the teacher of vocational agriculture in the school where the chapter is

located.  Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective

officers.

Section B Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members

present at a regular meeting.

Section C The officers of the chapter together with the chairmen in charge of the

major sections of the annual program of activities shall constitute the

Chapter Executive Committee.  The Executive Committee shall have full

power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or bylaws adopted from time to time.

Section D Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the

chapter except that of Advisor.

Section E Chapter officers must hold the Chapter FFA Degree, except during the

first year after the chapter is organized.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

Section A Regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month during the school

year and once during the remaining months of the year at such time and

place as is designated by the Chapter Executive Committee.  Special

meeting may be called at any time.

Section B Standard meeting equipment shall be used at each meeting.  All regular

meetings shall open and close with the official ceremony.  Parliamentary

procedure shall be used in transacting all business at each meeting.

Section C Delegates, as specified by the State Constitution, shall be elected annually

from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State

Leadership Conference.  Other delegates may be named as necessary in

order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within

the State.

Section D A majority of the active members listed on the secretary’s membership

roll shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present at any

meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the

chapter to any proposal or action.

ARTICLE VIII - Dues

Section A Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the

active members.

Section B Full local, state, and national dues shall be paid by all active members.

Section C No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he

pays full local, state, and national FFA dues.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

Section A This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter

meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is

not in conflict with the state association constitution or that of the National

FFA Organization.

Section B Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular

chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present

providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution and bylaws

of either the state association or the national organization.

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