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Dear FFA Members,

My name is Joey Meyer and I would like to be considered for nomination as a 2011-2012 FFA State Officer. Please allow me to tell you about myself.

Being a member and officer in the Tillamook FFA has been a very rewarding experience for me. I have been involved with FFA since I was a Freshman and have served as the chapter Historian in the past and am currently the chapter Vice-President. The FFA has provided me opportunities to grow in many fields. My participation in parliamentary procedure and prepared public speaking contests have given me valuable debate and presentation skills that I can draw on in the future. The AgriScience program has helped refine my research science and presentation skills. My involvement with this program has taken me to state, national and international science contests where I have won numerous awards. As an officer I have gained leadership and teamwork skills and have enjoyed taking on more responsibilities.

As a member and officer of the FFA I have been able to contribute to my chapter and my community. I have been heavily involved with recruiting new members for our local chapter to keep it strong. This involves planning and helping with activities to excite and recruit new members. Fund raising has been crucial as our chapter becomes stronger in state and national competitions. This year we sent 17 students and 3 advisors to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. To help fund these activities I have helped organize and recruit teams for popcorn, plant and metal art sales as well as helping with dinners and other social engagements. Every fall the Tillamook FFA chapter hosts a Harvest Festival for the local Elementary Schools. This involves planting and growing pumpkins, organizing activities, crafts and fun food for the children and finding instructors. This year over 800 kindergarten through third graders took part in our Harvest Festival. I have been involved every year for the last 3 years and find it very gratifying to see the children so excited about being out in the field and learning new things.

My experiences with the FFA have given me a lot of insight into who I am. One of the most important things I have learned about myself is that I have good leadership and organization skills. Our chapter adviser frequently calls on me to organize events. During meetings I help keep things on track to use our time effectively. I have also learned that I have good presentation and teaching skills. Informing people of new ideas and concepts gives me a great deal of satisfaction.

Having noted these insights about myself, it should be no surprise that becoming a science teacher is my ultimate goal. I love science and explaining to others how things work, so a science teacher is the perfect job for me. Ideally, I would like to specialize in science research. Oregon State University has strong science and education programs. I have already been accepted to OSU as a fall 2011 student.

The FFA has been a rewarding experience for me. Through the FFA I have made many friends and memories that will last a lifetime. At this point in my life I am ready to take my involvement with FFA one step further by becoming a State FFA Officer. I feel I have the skill and knowledge to take on this task and do an exceptional job. Please consider my application for office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph (Joey) Meyer

