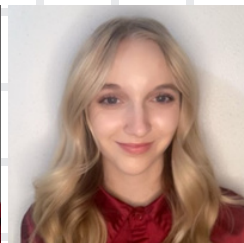
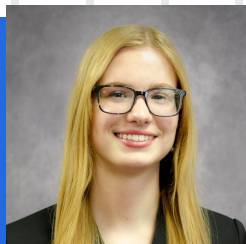


Meet the candidates





CLARA ANKENBAUER

BOWBELLS HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA State President Candidate

My name is Clara Ankenbauer and I am from Bowbells High School. The leadership positions I have held that qualify me to be your 2024-2025 ND FBLA State President include ND FBLA State Region II VP, Bowbells FBLA VP, Secretary and Parliamentarian, Class President, and Class VP. I have also been a part of student council. On top of these official offices, I have worked with many groups of teens to teach kid's clubs. I have also worked with my peers behind the scenes at camps to keep everything organized and successful. Each and every one of these positions has helped me grow my hard and soft skills to the point where I know that I have the ability and the passion to lead ND FBLA.



COOPER FJELD

MINOT HIGH SCHOOL
MAGIC CITY CAMPUS

FBLA State President Candidate



My name is Cooper Fjeld. I am a junior at Minot High School Magic City Campus, and I have been an active member of FBLA since I was a freshman. I have placed in every event I have competed in at SLC since I first fell in love with this organization. I want to expand on my burning passion for FBLA by running for state president. My platform involves reaching out to the younger students of our school districts, encouraging them to join, and showing them all the fun you can have while making a difference in your life and the community around you. Along with informing and reaching out to the youth, I want to bring back the Mr. and Miss FBLA award to celebrate those hard-working members in our state.





MARTIN BERGSTEDT

ENDERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA State President Candidate

My name is Martin Bergstedt, and I am a junior at Enderlin High School. FBLA requires a high level of confidence and security in one's ability, and this is an opportunity I am excited to explore. From an early age, I found myself leaping at the opportunity to speak and share my ideas with others. These traits, the excitement and fearlessness of public speaking, continue even to this day. Some areas where I have experience include speech meets, music competitions, leading pep rallies, and theater productions. I foster a great level of pride in my skills in communication, both in writing and in speaking, and I feel there is no greater way to use and develop to greater heights these capabilities than running for state office in FBLA.





ALORA BERKE

NORTHWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

FBLA Region I Vice President
Candidate



My name is Alora Berke, I'm a junior at Northwood Public School. I'm running for Region I Vice President. I am involved in multiple CTSOs, including FBLA, FCCLA, and HOSA. I am also active in other extra-curricular activities, such as golf, hockey, volleyball, track and field, student council, speech, drama, SMILE, band, choir, sources of strength, yearbook, and National Honor Society. My qualifications include serving as an FBLA state officer, FBLA chapter president, and FBLA chapter secretary. I have also served as a class president and secretary, as captain of my hockey and volleyball teams, HOSA local officer, student council vice president, and National Honor Society vice president. I have attended multiple state and fall leadership conferences! Some of my skills are being organized, punctual, positive, efficient, and dedicated. I have hosted a drug prevention week for my community, taught the importance of brushing your teeth to elementary students, and led a hands-only CPR demonstration, along with several other service projects. I enjoy helping people, being involved in the community, and learning new things! FBLA has taught me so many new things, and I can only hope that the learning will continue.





GAYATRI GAUTHAM

RED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA Region I Vice President
Candidate

My name is Gayatri Gautham, and I'm a sophomore at Red River High School. I'm running for Region I vice president. This is my second year being a part of FBLA. At my school, I'm also involved in: Student Council, Girls Who Code, Skills USA, Cyber Madness, and Spanish Club. Outside of school, I have been actively involved in Scouts and Taekwondo for the past several years.

I try to excel and not merely participate in all of my extracurriculars. A few of my qualifications/achievements include: serving as the FBLA Chapter Secretary, earning a first-degree Black belt in Taekwondo, and earning the rank of a "Life Scout" (one Rank below "Eagle") in scouting.

All of these experiences have fostered and instilled in me strong character values such as: punctuality, hard work, diligence, efficient time management and above all being a good team player, all of which would make me a great candidate for serving as your state officer.

In addition to improving myself, I am also passionate about community service. I have volunteered for over 200 hours within our community. In particular, I volunteer at a local nonprofit called Arts for Vets, an organization that is dedicated to helping and promoting artistic skills in our veterans.

I'm enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve as your Vice President, bringing my skills and dedication to the role.



EMELINE ACQUAH

**MINOT HIGH SCHOOL
CENTRAL CAMPUS**

FBLA Region II Vice President
Candidate



My name is Emeline Acquah. I am a sophomore at Central Campus High School and am lucky to have been involved with FBLA for two meaningful years. FBLA has helped me in numerous ways, and I plan to give back to this organization and help it grow as Region II's VP!

As an active chapter member, I have gained valuable experience and developed the necessary skills to serve as your Region II Vice President effectively. I've also gained many skills from other extracurriculars such as wrestling, tennis, track and field, HOSA, Student Council, Competitive Speech, Key Club, Sources Of Strength, and Science Olympiad. My involvement in these activities has taught me the importance of leadership, discipline, and teamwork. Outside of school-related activities, I manage tech and media in my church, as well as sing in our choir. I've also worked at my mother's child care center for five years.

My qualifications for Vice President include serving as my chapter's vice president and volunteering for school and community activities in clubs such as Key Club and Sources of Strength.

In addition to these qualifications, I enjoy connecting with others and creating ways to highlight everyone's thoughts. I am confident I can bring a fresh perspective to this role. I'm excited about the chance to be a state leader, and I will work hard with the rest of the officer team to make North Dakota's FBLA a better place. I can't wait to meet all of you!





GRETCHEN HICKEL

RAY HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA Region II Vice President
Candidate


My name is Gretchen Hickel. I'm currently a junior at Ray High School, and I am running for Region II Vice President. My qualifications for this position include my many experiences in leadership roles, including being my local chapter FBLA secretary, FFA treasurer, class president for the last 3 years and first chair trumpet in band. I am very active in many organizations throughout my school and also volunteer in my community. I volunteer for our local Bulls and Broncs rodeo yearly, and I volunteer as a Sunday school teacher.



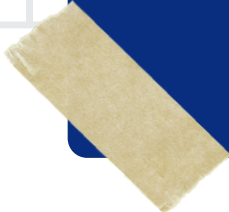
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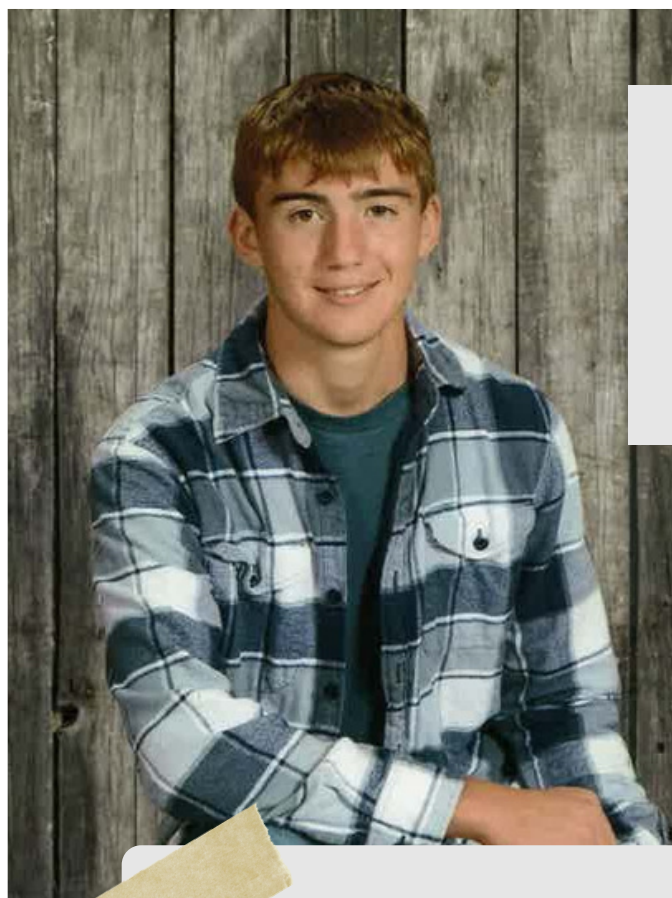
MANDAN HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA Region III Vice President
Candidate



Hi, I'm Trudy Frank from Mandan. Ever since Freshman year of high school I have been inspired by FBLA. I've taken all business classes my school has to offer which in turn helped me grow in FBLA and helps me qualify for the position of Region III Vice President. FBLA has made me a natural leader and speaker, overall boosted my confidence, and now I'm ready to take it to the next step. My qualities include current chapter Vice President and past chapter social media director, certifications in MOS Word and PowerPoint, class experience in management, as well as top performance at the ELC conferences and SLC the past two years.





CARTER KETTERLING

WISHEK HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA Region IV Vice President
Candidate

During my time in this organization, I've come to believe that a state officer must be a leader. This is something that my adviser, Ms. Klemetsrud, has always tried to integrate into my mind and into the minds of all of her students, and it has worked. Through her classes and her oversight of our local chapter, she has showed me the qualities necessary for leadership, and I can see those qualities being developed in myself.

Throughout my time in middle and high school, I've grown into many leadership rolls. I currently serve as the Student Council Vice President, the FFA Chapter Treasurer, and our FBLA Chapter's President. These are just a few of the positions I am occupied with.


Through the experiences and knowledge I have gained in these various rolls, I believe I have gained the characteristics necessary to serve the North Dakota FBLA Members, and to do it well. Thank you.




JULIET DAVIS

CARRINGTON HS

FBLA Region IV Vice President
Candidate



There are many reasons why I am running for 2024-2025 North Dakota FBLA Region IV Vice President. Future Business Leaders of America is a very important part of my life. I learned how to get out of my comfort zone by meeting new people and working hard on my competitive events to qualify for the National FBLA Conference. Over the past three years, I have brought peers from my community to meetings to learn what FBLA is about and to show them that it is not just another school event or function, but an organization that inspires a person to be the best version of themselves. I am also involved in other activities besides FBLA. I am a secretary for my local 4H club, which has brought me additional leadership experience and skills. Another extracurricular activity I am involved in is One Act. One Act has taught me how to express my feelings through body language. It has also helped me with public speaking which is essential for communication skills and has helped me tremendously with my confidence standing in front of my fellow ND FBLA members, as I currently hold the position as Region IV Vice President for North Dakota FBLA. I have learned many valuable skills through FBLA and I am ready to learn more. In order to be a strong leader, you need good communication skills and be able to go out of your comfort zone. These experiences have entitled me to be fit to acquire the position of North Dakota FBLA Region IV Vice President.





CODEY IRWIN

**MINOT HIGH SCHOOL
CENTRAL CAMPUS**

FBLA State Secretary Candidate

Hello, my name is Codey Irwin and I am currently a sophomore at Minot High School Central Campus! To stay busy within my extracurriculars, I participate in FBLA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Sources of Strength, Key Club, Band, Jazz Band, Volleyball, and Track and Field. Outside of school, you can find me getting coffee, wandering around Target, or laughing with my friends. I cannot wait to connect with other members around the state and achieve great things together!





SOFIA WATTERUD

WILLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA State Secretary Candidate



Hello! My name is Sofia Watterud. I am a 17-year-old junior attending Williston High School. I am a 4.0 GPA Honor Roll Student and partake in AP classes along with dual credit courses. I have held previous leadership roles as the President of the National Junior Honors Society as well as Williston Middle School Secretary and representative of the Student Council and am now currently a member of National Honor Society. I am also a Link Leader for new students that come to our school. I am very involved with my church and love to teach Sunday School, as well as Bible School in the summertime. In addition to stellar academics I am an athlete and have been on the varsity Cross Country and Track teams since the seventh grade. I am also a State Championship title holder for the Wonderettes Varsity Drill Dance Team. Finally over the past few years I was involved in the Miss North Dakota Outstanding Teen Organization speaking to elementary students about my platform, "Be The Best You That You Can Be"; Building a Positive Self Image Through Physical Activity. I have hosted a variety of camps, including dance, running, yoga, and athletic classes to give kids the chance to build self-confidence through physical activities. I challenge myself by stepping out of my comfort zone and getting involved in my community. I am a mature, competent young woman who knows how to engage in social interactions, communicate, and be professional. This past year I was the state secretary for the North Dakota FBLA and our local chapter president. I have learned and gained a ton of knowledge and information from this position. As well as expanded my leadership skills through this organization. All of these experiences & characteristics would make me a good choice for state FBLA Secretary & serving the organization.





JACKELYNE HERNANDEZ

STANLEY HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA State Treasurer Candidate

Hello North Dakota FBLA! My name is Jackelyne Hernandez and I want to be your next State Treasurer. I am a freshman at Stanley High School and this is my third year in FBLA. I have competed in multiple state events and attended fall leadership conferences. I attended the National FBLA Conference in Chicago in the summer of 2022. I am an active leader within my school and am extremely dedicated to FBLA. My leadership positions include serving as class president in my 7th and 8th grade year and now 2023-2024 class co- president. I am also involved with volleyball, golf, softball, and enjoy traveling.

I love stepping out of my comfort zone by giving presentations and talking to groups. I have over 125 hours of community service with FBLA and Student Council. One of my responsibilities in Student Council is to do monthly school board meeting presentations which has helped make me comfortable speaking in front of others. One of my biggest strengths is planning big events at my school for homecoming, assemblies, blood drives, dances, and elementary projects. My experience in planning these events will be helpful for planning FBLA conferences.

Another one of my strengths includes fundraising for FBLA and helping my chapter with anything that must be done. FBLA has taught me that you are stronger than you think you are and you can do anything in life if you put enough effort into it. FBLA has also taught me new life skills and leadership skills I will be using in the future and now for work and school. My goal in 2023-2024 is to make everyone feel confident in what they do no matter what type of background they come from.



KEELEY CALL

WILLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA State Treasurer Candidate



Hi! My name is Keeley Call and I am running for the state treasurer position. I am a 16-year-old sophomore at Williston High School. I'm an honor roll student with a 4.1 GPA! I take multiple dual credit classes while also keeping up with my honors classes. I have leadership experience as the sophomore class president for WHS Student Council while also fulfilling my role as the FBLA school treasurer. I am involved in SADD, FBLA, Student Council, FCCLA and I am currently trying to introduce HOSA to my school. I also was chosen to help and mentor new students that come to my school as a Link Leader. I am extremely involved in peer-to-peer interaction because I think it teaches me so much about helping others while also evolving my problem-solving abilities. Beyond my social club involvement, I am also an athlete, involved in cross country and track. In addition, I am extremely involved in community service and leadership projects. I have helped raise money for kids in need, helped animals at our local shelter, volunteered at the Williston legend banquet, organized special education events, helped at local elementary schools, and organized fundraisers to raise money for one of our teachers that had a house fire. I have given speeches about retiring teachers and introduced guest speakers in front of my entire school. I like to challenge myself to step out of my comfort zone to achieve more opportunities as my high school career goes on. I am a mature, sociable, and enthusiastic young woman. I have organizational skills, integrity, communication skills, and motivation to solve any financial problems we may come across, if elected. With all of that being said, I think my qualifications would make me a great choice for your 2024-2025 FBLA State Treasurer!





ZACK VOLSON

DRAKE-ANAMOOSE HS

FBLA State Treasurer Candidate

I am very qualified for the office of State Treasurer. I have served as a treasurer for multiple organizations throughout my high school career including: my local 4-H club for five years, my class for five years, my FBLA middle school for two years, and my FBLA high school for three years. Other offices I have held include FBLA chapter secretary and vice president, each for one year while holding the office of treasurer. I have been an active member in FBLA for five years, attending every FLC and SLC along the way as well as one virtual NLC and one in person. Community service plays a huge role in my life as I complete a lot of time picking ditches, working concessions stands, visiting nursing homes to play games, working at a food pantry, being the Easter bunny for my community, and promoting community activities. I also voice my opinion in discussions, and I am very active in making the right decisions.



PEYTON SAUTER

LINTON HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA State Historian Candidate



Peyton Sauter is a junior at Linton High School and is a candidate for the ND FBLA State Historian position. She is qualified for this position because of her leadership skills, creativity, and critical thinking skills. Peyton is the current Chapter President for the Linton High School chapter. She has also developed her leadership skills when serving as Treasurer for her class. She is also an active member in the student council, which gives her the opportunity to lead her peers. Peyton has worked on her creative side through classes like Multimedia and Web Design, where she learned about photography and the elements of design. She participates in Acalympics and Speech, which challenge her ability to think quickly, effectively, and critically.





ALLISON UNRATH

MANDAN HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA State Social Media
Coordinator Candidate



Hi, I'm Allison Unrath. Here is why I should be your state social media coordinator! I am extremely dedicated and diligent when I devote myself to something. I have experience from Social Media Marketing class, where I was able to work with the small business RuLissa Boutique to improve their Instagram. Moreover, I currently create posts for the Mandan FBLA Instagram and Facebook. I am in 11th grade this year, and I will be a senior next year. My freshman year I received a second-place medal for Introduction to Social Media Strategy and attended nationals in Chicago, 2022. I also received the MOS PowerPoint certification. I got 1,000 on the exam which is a perfect score, and I qualified for nationals. I love using social media and have many great ideas to improve the ND FBLA platforms. Thank you for your consideration!





EVELYN ISAAK

DRAKE-ANAMOOSE HS

FBLA State Social Media
Coordinator Candidate

I am qualified for the Social Media Coordinator position because in my FBLA career I have: been an active FBLA member for 3 years, held a Chapter Social Media position and a Chapter Secretary position, achieving third in the nation for Intro to Public Speaking, been selected to be a State and National Voting delegate, and have worked at a National campaign booth. Additionally, I have been active in my chapter, working concession stands and FBLA coffee shops for our school. I have a background and passion for photography and videography, providing videos for my chapter, taking pictures of friends and family, and having the opportunity to take pictures and create videos at NLC. I have been running my chapters FBLA account, while also running my own two personal accounts and a National Officers fan account in which I work closely with. I have a good work ethic and a passion for connection and through FBLA I have had the opportunity to utilize these skills and grow.



MARLEE BOLL

ST. MARY'S HS

FBLA State Social Media
Coordinator Candidate

With my business classes background and my ability to lead others I would be a good option for being on the FBLA State Officer board as the Social Media Coordinator. I have already taken marketing classes for crafting messages that catch the eye of your target market, being the current FBLA members and others who might want to join. I am used to juggling multiple projects and meeting deadlines, which is super key for a social media coordinator. I also believe that social media is all about connecting with others and finding ways to get people interacting and interested in FBLA. I have an eye for those little details that will in turn will catch the attention of the current FBLA members, and hopefully new ones too! This would be an awesome opportunity to grow and expand the FBLA community and hopefully I can learn from it too!

To be the Social Media Coordinator for the FBLA State Board I obtain multiple skills that would be fit the team. I am a strong leader in projects, but also obtain patience to have the ability to listen to others and their ideas. Strategizing and making decisions is also a big part of being a State Officer, I've learned these skills by taking business classes and obtaining a training position at Dakota Star Gymnastics as a coach. I have led the coaching team to come together and create diverse lesson plans and help teach them how to adapt to different situations. I have also helped with volunteering positions of leading others and completing tasks in an orderly fashion.



JADE UHLICH

DRAKE-ANAMOOSE HS

FBLA State Parliamentarian
Candidate

I believe that I am qualified for this role because of my extensive experience in parliamentary procedure and my long-term dedication to the organization. Furthermore, I have gained significant experience working in councils and organizations similar to FBLA. I am confident that my experience and commitment will enable me to develop my skills and contribute to the organization's success.

