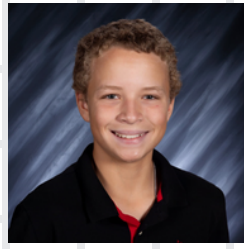
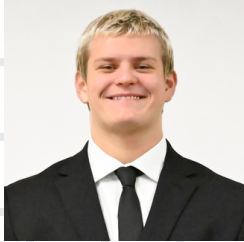


Meet the State Officer Candidates



North Dakota

FBLA



2025-2026



CLARA ANKENBAUER

BOWBELLS

State President Candidate


My name is Clara Ankenbauer and I am currently serving as ND FBLA's State President. I previously held the position of State Region II Vice President. At the local level I am our Chapter President and have also served as the Chapter Vice President, Secretary and Parliamentarian. I have placed in competitive events at both the State and National levels. Outside of FBLA, I have led my class as the Junior Class President, Sophomore Class President, Freshman Class President, and before that the Class VP in Junior High. I have also been successful in competitive speech and one-act. I am active in Student Council, have over two hundred seventy volunteer hours, and have taken six business classes in the last four years.




KENDRA KUZNIA

GRAND FORKS CENTRAL

Region I Vice President Candidate



Hello my name is Kendra Kuznia and I am a sophomore from Grand Forks Central High School in Grand Forks. I am running for the Region One Vice President position for North Dakota FBLA. I participate as a manager for our school's football team and I am on our school's hockey, softball, and track teams. I also participate in many clubs throughout our school such as HOSA Future Health Professionals, Grand Forks Youth Commission, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I am also the Sophomore Representative for Student Council and Secretary for my FBLA chapter.





NATALIE NAASTAD

HATTON/NORTHWOOD

Region I Vice President Candidate

Hello! My name is Natalie Naastad and I am a candidate for the office of Region I Vice President. I am currently a Freshman at Hatton Eielson Public School and have been a Middle School member for two years and FBLA for one year. I have completed the Contributor Award of the BAA program and am currently a member of our Community Service Project. I am a high honor student that has the leadership skills to hold this office. I am highly motivated, have good communication skills, and am very reliable.

Aside from FBLA I am involved in basketball, volleyball, golf, track and FCCLA.

JADE UHLICH

DRAKE-ANAMOOSE

Region II Vice President
Candidate



My name is Jade Uhlich and I am from Drake-Anamoose High School. I have much experience to show that I am qualified to be your next Region II Vice President. Some of this includes my previous experience as the ND State Parliamentarian and leadership positions in every other organization that Drake offers. In these various organizations, I have previously held the roles of president, secretary, treasurer, social media coordinator, reporter, sentinel, and representative, making me an extremely well-rounded individual in team management. Aside from this, I have created many programs within my school and community and have over eight hundred volunteer hours in total. All of these experiences have led me to develop those qualities of leadership in which an officer should possess. Between the experience and pure passion, I have for this organization, I can assure you that I will stop at nothing to make sure that North Dakota FBLA is cared for.



MARLEE BOLL

ST. MARY'S

Region III Vice President
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 Region III Vice President. I am used to juggling multiple projects and meeting deadlines, which is super key to being a State FBLA officer. I also believe that being the Vice President is about connecting with others and finding ways to get people interested in joining FBLA or getting current members more involved. In doing this I want to expand FBLA and assist in any new projects that we can achieve together. This would be an awesome opportunity to grow and expand the FBLA community and hopefully I can learn from it too!


To be the Region III Vice President 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 and manager 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.




ELLA ZACHMANN

BEACH

Region III Vice President
Candidate



I am Ella Zachmann, I am currently a Freshman at Beach High School. I am the social media coordinator for my chapter. It would be an honor to be Region III Vice President. I have restarted our chapter Instagram page to keep the community as well our members updated. I am very dedicated in what I do, have great leadership qualities, and as one member said, "Best suited out of our chapter to run for state office." I will do whatever needs to be done, and won't waste time doing it. Nothing is too small, if someone needs help, I will be on the first to volunteer. I couldn't be happier or more excited to serve as an FBLA state officer. I would say my best qualification is that I am eager to help out, and that won't stop if I do get to serve as your Region III Vice President.





CARTER KETTERLING

WISHEK

Region IV Vice President
Candidate

During my time in this organization, I've come to meet and know so many people. Through the interactions with these people, I've seen what it takes to be a true leader. Passion, grit, hard work, and determination are not optional. I've come to learn this through everything that I've done in my life and hope to pass it on to all the members of North Dakota FBLA.


Throughout my time in middle and high school, I've grown into many leadership roles. I currently serve as the Student Council Vice President, Wishek FFA Chapter Treasurer, and our Wishek FBLA Chapter President. I also serve as the ND FBLA Region IV Vice President for the 2024-2025 year. These are just a few of the positions I am occupied with.

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




ANDREW MATT CARRINGTON

Region IV Vice President
Candidate



My name is Andrew Matt, and I want to be the next North Dakota FBLA Region IV Vice President. FBLA has done a great deal for me over the past three years. This organization has taught me how to work in a team, become a better leader, successfully prepare and execute a presentation, and give me the confidence to speak in front of people. As a freshman, I competed on a presentation event team, and we placed first at SLC and got the opportunity to compete at the NLC. This year, I am serving on our local officer team as the Reporter. Becoming an officer at the local level showed me that I was ready to take it to the next level.



I have actively participated in other school activities that have helped prepare me for this role including Student Council, Sources of Strength, Science Olympiad, and State Music in Choir. I participate on the varsity basketball, football, and track teams. These organizations and extracurriculars have prepared me for a role on the FBLA State Officer Team, knowing what it takes to be a teammate and perform to the best of my abilities, while also teaching me the importance of time management and being held accountable for my work. All of these qualifications make me a good candidate for the 2025-2026 North Dakota Region IV Vice President.



CODEY IRWIN

MINOT NORTH

State Secretary Candidate

Hello North Dakota FBLA! My name is Codey Irwin, one of your 2025-2026 State Officer candidates, and I cannot wait to connect with you all at our upcoming SLC. From serving as your 2024-2025 State Secretary in addition to the 2024-2025 Communications Director on the FBLA Mountain Plains Region Council, I have deeply explored what it means to be a leader and how I can provide my utmost best to every member that I serve. Within my school, I have had the great experience of serving as a 3-time officer, 2-time president of FBLA, a 3-time officer, 2-time president of Student Council, and the past vice-president, yet current secretary of National Honor Society. Without the students on the local or state level that I have humbly served, I would be at a loss for relationships, knowledge, humility, and love, for which I cannot express more gratitude. To say the least, I am so excited to elaborate more on the initiatives within my platform, "Contribute with Codey", at SLC. Thank you and see you soon!



PAYTON LYSTAD


STANLEY

State Treasurer Candidate



Hello! My name is Payton Lystad and I am running to be your 2025-2026 State Treasurer. I am a freshman at Stanley High School and am very passionate about FBLA. I am involved in FBLA, Student Council, French Club, Speech, Volleyball, Basketball, and Track & Field. Outside of school, I work at West End Boutique as a Sales Associate. Some officer positions I have held include Class President, French Club Treasurer, and FBLA Middle Level Chapter President.

I am proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, and Outlook which is evident through the business awards I have received. At the 2024 State Leadership Conference, I placed 1st in Financial Literacy, 2nd in Leadership, and 3rd in Annual Chapter Activities Presentation. At the 2024 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL, I competed in Financial Literacy and the Annual Chapter Activities Presentation and was recognized on stage as the North Dakota Young Leader.



Most importantly, I am willing to put in the work to be your next North Dakota FBLA Treasurer. This year I helped plan and host our first Financial Literacy Boot Camp - an event that brought in eight businesspeople to talk to students in grades 11-12. I'm excited to meet all the North Dakota FBLA members at this year's State Leadership Conference and have the opportunity to share my ideas for FBLA with you.



KALLEEN LOWE

DRAKE-ANAMOOSE

State Historian Candidate

Hello! My name is Kalleen Lowe, and I'm a freshman at Drake-Anamoose High School. I've been a member of FBLA for three years, and I can honestly say they've been some of the best years of my life and I am excited to run for State Historian. At my school I am a part of Science Olympiad, OneActs, Choir, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Speech, 4-H, and I have served as class president for the past three years. I also manage to balance volleyball and a job!

My qualifications for this position include strong writing, creativity, and networking skills. For the past two years, I've served as my FBLA chapter's Public Relations Officer, where I have written articles for three newspapers in neighboring towns. I've designed posters and flyers for my chapter, and I even competed at the state level with a presentation on Annual Business Activities, earning 2nd place!

FBLA is a safe space for me, where I can truly be myself and plan for a bright future in the business world. I'm running for State Historian because I want to help others experience the same opportunities and growth. My heart and passion go out to supporting FBLA members and making a positive impact in the business community. That's why I am confident that I am a great candidate for State Historian!

ALETTA NELSON RAY

State Historian Candidate



Hi! My name is Aletta Nelson! I am a Junior at Ray High School and take my responsibilities seriously. I am involved in many different things such as Volleyball, Softball, Basketball Stat, FBLA, Church Camp counselor, and Club Volleyball while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. I take pictures in my free time and love to be organized and always have an outline of what's going on. Two leadership positions that I am currently involved in are Social Media Coordinator for my church council and yearbook manager for my high school. As the social media coordinator, it is my job to create social media posts and flyers for the church to catch our congregation's eye, in hopes of increasing involvement in the church. As yearbook manager, I am responsible for delegating tasks, ensuring accuracy, and collaborating with the team to guarantee the yearbook meets the highest standards.



ROXANNE QUIGLEY

KENMARE

State Historian Candidate

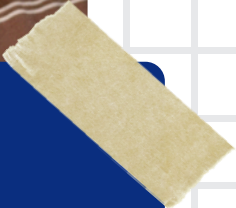
I'm Roxanne Quigley, a junior at Kenmare High School where I participate in many extracurricular activities, such as speech, drama, Envirothon, FBLA, FFA, track, cross country, and student representative of the school board. Balancing these activities with schoolwork and friends has taught me the importance of resilience, accountability and making difficult tasks fun. I hope to carry these traits to FBLA at the state level and contribute to this organization.



KINLEY VOLK

WISHEK

State Historian Candidate



I am an enthusiastic and dedicated member of Future Business Leaders of America with a strong passion for preserving and promoting the organization's history. Currently serving as Chapter Historian at Wishek Public School, I have excelled in documenting chapter events, maintaining records, and highlighting member achievements through creative platforms such as scrapbooks and social media. With 3 years of active involvement in FBLA, I have developed valuable skills in organization, communication, and memory/history preservation, all of which align with the responsibilities of State Historian.

In addition to my work within FBLA, I bring a background in related activities such as yearbook design and event planning such as prom and fundraising for a good cause, further demonstrating my ability to create and present information effectively. I am committed to preserving the history of ND FBLA by ensuring that every achievement, milestone, and story is thoughtfully recorded and shared to inspire future members.



BRILEY CARR CARRINGTON

State Social Media Coordinator
Candidate

My name is Briley Carr and I am running for your 2025-2026 State FBLA Social Media Coordinator. Growing up, I was surrounded by entrepreneurs, including my parents. So, whether it was lemonade stands, tie-dye, bath bombs, crochet hats, or snow cones, I had a different business every summer. Some were successful, others not so much, but because I have such influential business owners as parents, I learned to fight through hardships and to try again, as failure is part of a successful business. These experiences are what led me to join FBLA in eighth grade. I have now been in FBLA for more than three years, and I wouldn't be the person I am today without it. FBLA has helped me acquire leadership skills, meet new people, improve my communication skills, and inspire my creativity. For these reasons, I have decided that I am ready to take the next step in my FBLA journey by running for state office. Not only did FBLA teach me these skills, but it also allowed me to use them in my other extracurriculars, such as FCCLA. Last fall I had the courage to apply for the Social Media Coordinator position within my local FCCLA chapter, and I won. Throughout the year I have been responsible for maintaining and posting to our Instagram page about what we've been up to. I also took the Social Media Marketing course available at my school. FBLA has played a crucial role in helping me achieve my dreams in the past, and for these reasons, I believe FBLA will also play a big part in my future.

TATE HANSON
HATTON/NORTHWOOD

State Parliamentarian Candidate



My name is Tate Hanson. I am currently a freshman at Hatton Eielson Public School, and I am a member of the Hatton/Northwood FBLA Chapter. I have been a member since 7th grade. I am currently a chairman for this year's Project Awareness. I have completed the Contributor level for BAA's and I am involved in football, hockey, baseball, FCCLA, FBLA, and TSA. I am currently on the high honor roll with a Grade Point Average of 3.917.

DARBY MOWBRAY

MINOT

State Parliamentarian Candidate



My name is Darby Lane Mowbray, and I am a junior at Minot High School. I am highly involved in various activities through and outside of school: FFA, National Honor Society, volleyball, softball, trapshooting, counselor at Triangle Y Camp, and a childcare worker at the YMCA. Whether in class or activities, I am always motivated to complete my work in a timely manner as well as assist others when they need it. In the future, I plan to attend college and major in biology to become a physician's assistant specializing in pediatrics, in order to someday help children medically thrive. Through my hard work, the guidance of my mentors, and faith in God I am able to accomplish what I do. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others" (Philippians 2:3-4).



MASON SCHUH

DRAKE-ANAMOOSE

State Parliamentarian Candidate

Hello North Dakota FBLA! My name is Mason Schuh, a freshman at Drake-Anamoose High School, and I am running to be your next state Parliamentarian.

I have been an FBLA member since I was in seventh grade, and that year I was elected as my chapter's vice president. Then, when I was in eighth grade: chapter president. I also served as the resource director of the Middle School Advisory Council. Currently, I am serving as the secretary of the Drake-Anamoose High School chapter. I have also held many leadership roles outside of FBLA. As a ten-year member of 4-H, I have spent the last half of those years as my club's secretary, and two of those years as both secretary and reporter. In FFA, I have served as my chapter's historian, and am currently serving as the secretary. I have been my class's secretary for three years. I am no stranger to public speaking either, as I have competed in speech, one-act plays, and public speaking events in 4-H, FFA, and importantly: FBLA. I am a good fit for the Parliamentarian role because of my proficiency in Parliamentary Procedure with competing in events with it taking center stage and with my extensive use of it in a practical sense in Parliamentary Procedure role-play events. With all my experience in leadership and FBLA as a whole, I am a perfect fit to be the next North Dakota state Parliamentarian.

ASHLEY WALTER

STANLEY

State Parliamentarian Candidate



My name is Ashley Walter, and I am a sophomore from Stanley High school. I have been an active member in FBLA since the seventh grade and have held many leadership positions that qualify me for this position including: Stanley Middle School Chapter President, Stanley High School Chapter Secretary, and Stanley High School Chapter Reporter. Each of these positions have encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and have helped me develop the necessary leadership skills to be your next State Parliamentarian. I have completed two levels of the Business Achievement Awards and placed 5th at last year's SLC in Parliamentary Procedure. I have attended multiple Fall Leadership Conferences and State Leadership Conferences. Besides FBLA I participate in various activities such as softball and taking stats for our school's volleyball and girls' basketball teams. I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's State Leadership Conference!