



2012
National Officer Candidate
Election Process

National Officer Candidate (NOC) Eligibility

- Only nationally affiliated members can run for national office.
- NOC must have paid their national membership dues by March 1.
- NOC must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for the previous 3 semesters on a 4.0 scale.
- NOC must be supported by the state association.

Getting State Association Support

- Check the process for candidacy in your state.
- Some states require candidates to run at the state level.
- Each state has a different election policies.

Becoming a National Officer Candidate

- Once selected by the state, complete the online Intent to Run Form so national staff can begin working on election information and materials and know to expect your NOC application.
- The form must be **submitted by May 1.**
- This form will include:
 - Basic Contact Information
 - Electronically Submitted Photo

Becoming a National Officer Candidate

- Make sure the application with enclosures is **postmarked by May 1.**
- Make sure to give advisers and administrators time to complete their part of the application.
- If a state feels they need an extension, the state adviser must request one and be approved by April 1.

Becoming a National Officer Candidate

- Candidates should watch for communication from national headquarters with election information and the date and time of an orientation webinar in early June.
- Advisers will also receive information and a date and time for an orientation webinar from national headquarters.
- Webinars will be recorded for those unable to attend.

NOC Test

Saturday, July 7

9:00-10:00 a.m.

- The test will be composed of 50 questions (various types) regarding FCCLA knowledge.
- Results will narrow down candidates to 65 if there are more than 65 students running.

NOC Orientation

Saturday, July 7

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- Get NOC packets and information about the election process.
- Meet the current NEC and other NOC
- Ask any remaining questions about the process

Nominating Committee Interviews

- Deliver Speech

- each candidate will have up to 3 minutes to present a speech on the topic provided online in February

- Interview Questions

- each candidate will answer 4 questions:
 - Two standard FCCLA situation questions
 - One standard personality question
 - One question specific to each candidate's application.

*Half of the candidates will go before the Nominating Committee on Saturday, July 7, 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and half on Sunday, July 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

NOC Think Tank

A time for National Officer Candidates not interviewing to get to know one another informally by discussing and/or conducting FCCLA projects.

- Candidates not interviewing on Saturday, meet on Saturday from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Those not interviewing on Sunday, meet on Sunday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The Fishbowl

Sunday, July 8

3:00-4:30 p.m.

- Groups of approximately 10 NOC each will participate in a team problem-solving activity in front of the Nominating Committee members.
- Committee members will be able to observe candidates' strengths and weaknesses in a team environment and their ability to think on their feet.

Letter Drop #1

Sunday, July 8

9:00 p.m.

Twenty candidates will advance to the next phase of elections.

- Scenario 1 - The NOC moves to the next phase of the election process. The letter will congratulate them and give them their schedule for Monday.
- Scenario 2 - The NOC does not move on to the next phase. Make a plan ahead of time for the candidate's post-election activities in case they don't advance.

Letter Drop #1

Sunday, July 8

9:00 p.m.

- This is a VERY stressful time in the candidate's, adviser's, and supporters' week.
- Determine ahead of time if the candidate will open the letter alone or with someone.
- Be respectful to other candidates who may not receive the same news as you do. Open your letter away from other candidates so you may celebrate or grieve without affecting others.

Networking

Monday, July 9

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

- NOC will have the opportunity to meet all voting delegates (both election and non-election voting delegates).
- NOC will move freely throughout the room. Voting delegates will be divided by region and asked to stay together by state delegation to help NOC keep track of who they need to meet. A moderator will make a time announcement every 15 minutes.
- NOC are responsible for meeting all the delegates. A checklist of the state delegations present will be provided to assist NOC, but will not need to be returned.

Speeches and Teambuilding

Monday, July 9

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- **Group A** - present the same 3 minute speech from the interview and answer one formal situation question for voting delegates and spectators.
- **Group B** - Participate in an informal team building activity in a separate location.

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

- **Group A** - Informal team building activity.
- **Group B** - Speech and Situation Question

Voting

Monday, July 9

10:30-11:30 p.m.

- Each Election Voting Delegate will vote for the 10 candidates they believe will compose the strongest National Executive Council. The current NEC will also cast one joint vote for 10 candidates.
- Voting will take place in one room with multiple stations similar to actual polling places.

Tie Breaker Voting

Tuesday, July 10

7:00 a.m.

- The Nominating Committee will meet at 7:00 a.m. to find out if there was a tie between candidates that affects those elected to the National Executive Council and make the tie-breaking decision.
- Only the Nominating Committee members will be informed if there is a tie and the information will be confidential.

Letter Drop #2

Tuesday, July 10

7:15 a.m.

- Scenario 1 - The NOC is congratulated for becoming a member of the 2012-2013 National Executive Council.
- Scenario 2 - The NOC is not a part of the NEC. Make a plan ahead of time for the candidate's post-election activities if not elected.

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NOC Debrief

Wednesday, July 11

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- If the candidate is not selected, they are encouraged to attend the NOC Debrief to reflect on their experience and learn how they can stay involved on the national level of the organization.
- Advisers are invited to attend the session with their candidate.

National Executive Council

- If the candidate is selected, he/she will spend all of Tuesday and Wednesday with his/her officer team and national staff.
- The advisers of elected candidates will also have sessions with national staff.