

Official Opening Closing Ceremony Script

President: *(Taps gavel once, all officers sit except president; pause and tap the gavel twice)*

The Meeting room will come to order. We are now holding a meeting of the _____ FFA Chapter. Mr. / Madam Vice-President, are all officers at their stations?

Vice-President: *(Rising and facing the president)*

I shall call the roll of officers, determine if they are at their stations and report back to you, Mr. / Madam President.

(President takes a seat)

Vice President: The sentinel.

Sentinel: Stationed by the door.

Vice-President: Your duties there?

Sentinel: Through this door pass many friends of the FFA. It is my duty to see that the door is open to our friends at all times and that they are welcome. I care for the meeting room and paraphernalia. I strive to keep the room comfortable and assist the president in maintaining order.

Vice-President: The reporter.

Reporter: The reporter is stationed by the flag.

Vice-President: Why by the flag?

Reporter: As the flag covers the United State of America, so I strive to inform the people in order that every man, woman and child may know that the FFA is a national organization that reaches from the state of Alaska to the Virgin Islands and from the state of Maine to Hawaii.

Vice-President: The Treasurer.

Treasurer: Stationed at the emblem of Washington.

Vice-President: Your duties there?

Treasurer: I keep a record of receipts and disbursements just as Washington kept his farm accounts carefully and accurately. I encourage thrift among the members and strive

to build up our financial standing through savings and investments. George Washington was better able to serve his country because he was financially independent.

Vice-President: The secretary.

Secretary: Stationed by the ear of corn.

Vice-President: Your duties there?

Secretary: I keep an accurate record of all meetings and correspond with other secretaries wherever corn is grown and FFA members meet.

Mr. / Madam Vice-President, why do you keep a plow at your station?

Vice-President: The plow is the symbol of labor and tillage of the soil. Without labor, neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish much. My duties require me to assist at all times in directing the work of our organization. I preside over meetings in the absence of our president, whose place is beneath the rising sun.

Secretary: Why is the president so stationed?

Vice-President: The rising sun is the token of a new era in agriculture. If we will follow the leadership of our president, we shall be led out of the darkness of selfishness and into the glorious sunlight of brotherhood and cooperation. Mr. / Madam President, all officers are at their stations.

President: *(Rises and faces vice-president)* Thank you, Mr. / Madam Vice-President.
(All sit at the tap of gavel except the secretary)
The secretary will call the roll of members.

Secretary: There are numerous members and numerous guests present, Mr. / Madam President.

President: Thank you, *(secretary sits down)* FFA members why are we here?
(Tap gavel 3 times, all officers stand)

All officers in unisons: To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership, which an FFA member should possess.

President: *(taps gavel 1 time, all officers are seated)* May we accomplish our purposes. I now declare this meeting of the _____ FFA Chapter duly open for the transaction of business, or attention to any matters which may properly be presented.

(Pause for a moment, before beginning closing ceremony)

President: Mr. / Madam Secretary, (*secretary stands and looks at the president*) do you have a record of any further business which should now be transacted?

Secretary: I have none, Mr. / Madam President. (*Secretary sits*)

President: Does any member know of any new or unfinished business, which should properly come before this meeting?

We are about to adjourn this meeting of the _____ FFA Chapter. As we mingle with others, let us be diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone, and above all, honest and fair in the game of life.

I now declare this meeting adjourned.
(*Tap gavel 1 time*)