

**BY-LAWS  
FOSTER FFA BOOSTER CLUB**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

**SECTION A.** The name of this organization shall be Foster FFA Booster Club, a Texas non-profit organization hereinafter may be referred to as the “Club.”

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

**SECTION A.** The purpose for which this organization is formed is as follows:

1. To provide scholarships for selected senior chapter members who wish to further their education.
2. To promote community awareness of and to seek support for the youth of the Foster FFA Chapter.
3. To provide assistance to the Foster FFA Chapter members.

**ARTICLE III – ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS**

**SECTION A.** Election of officers, known as the Executive Board of the Club, shall be held annually at the April meeting.

**SECTION B.** Elections shall be by ballot or show of hands. If there is only one nominee for an office, a voice vote shall be in order. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the membership present.

**SECTION C.** Nominations for new officers shall be made from the floor of active paid members at the March meeting. Installation of officers to be held in conjunction with the year-end banquet.

**SECTION D.** The officers of the Club shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Publicity, Treasurer, and Director of Student Activities.

1. President – chair meetings
2. Vice-President – chair meetings in president’s absence and membership
3. Secretary/Publicity – record and read minutes, newspaper or mailed announcements
4. Treasurer – finances
5. Director of Student Activities- Record all Chapter member involvement, maintain the database of the point system for scholarships, and keep track of all students point sheets.

**SECTION E.** The newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election and serve for one year. No officer shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years.

**SECTION F.** Vacancies of office occurring during the year shall be filled with recommendations by the Executive Board of Directors and approval of the membership for the unexpired portion of the term.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**SECTION A.** The Club shall be open to all adults with an interest in Foster Chapter FFA members.

**SECTION B.** The Executive Board of Directors shall establish membership in three categories as follows:

1. Active Members - Active members shall be those who (a) attend meetings with reasonable regularity, (b) show and take an interest in affairs of the Club, and (c) pay annual dues of \$20.00/family.
2. Supporting members – Supporting members shall be those who (a) are inactive, and (b) pay dues or contribute.
3. Honorary members - Honorary members shall be those designated by the Club.

**SECTION C.** The Executive Board of Directors may recommend termination of any membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The Club may terminate any membership by a majority vote of the Club membership present and voting at any regularly scheduled meeting.

**SECTION D.** Annual membership dues for the Club shall be fixed at the Annual meeting of the Club.

**SECTION E.** The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Club and the Vocational Ag teacher(s).

## **ARTICLE V – CLUB MEETINGS**

**SECTION A.** Meetings of the Club shall be held every second Monday of the month with the exception of December and any other conflicts with campus scheduling. The annual meeting will be held at the end of the school year. The time and place shall be designated by the Executive Board of Directors.

**SECTION B.** Special meetings may be called with notification.

**SECTION C.** Only active members are eligible to vote.

## **ARTICLE VI- COMMITTEES**

**SECTION A.** The Executive Board members may create a committee as necessary to promote the purpose and carry-out the work of the club. The office in charge shall act as or appoint a chairperson of the committee. The Officer in charge shall maintain full responsibility of the actions of said committee, and report actions of the committees at club meetings.

**SECTION B.** All committee chairs must complete and submit all appropriate documents to the executive board.

**SECTION C.** All expenses to be reimbursed must be pre-approved by the executive board prior to the purchase.

## **ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**SECTION A.** Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are not consistent with these by-laws or special rules of order that the Club may adopt.

## **ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES**

**SECTION A.** All expenditures made by the Club on behalf of the Foster FFA Chapter, or any other organization, shall comply with the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District's guidelines.

**SECTION B.** All financial drives or other fund-raising activities shall be in conformity with the purpose of the Club.

**SECTION C.** The treasurer shall present a financial report at each regular meeting and an annual audited report.

**SECTION D.** The following procedures shall be followed upon dissolution of the Club:

1. Any assets, cash or property, will be conveyed to the Foster FFA Chapter, if the Club were to dissolve.
2. To part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the associations shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by any organization's contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Upon the dissolution of the association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the association exclusively for the purposes of the association in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed which the principal office of the association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s), as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**SECTION E.** The Fiscal year shall be defined as July 1 through June 30.

**SECTION F.** A maximum of Seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds raised annually will be distributed for scholarships as determined by the Scholarship Committee. The remaining funds will be carried to the following fiscal year.

**SECTION G:** All checks require two (2) signatures of the executive board regardless of the amount. The Board, at the beginning of each year, will establish which officers may sign for the year.

#### **ARTICLE IX – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**SECTION A.** No Executive Board member or committee member shall make a personal profit from any club activity.

#### **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION A.** Amendments to these by-laws shall be made by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active membership present after having been proposed at the previous meeting and accepted for inclusion on the agenda at such previous meeting.