



## **CAMPAIGNING AND UNFAIR ADVANTAGE POLICY**

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Candidates must be in business casual or professional attire as stated in the state approved dress code to for a state or national office. Campaigning, which includes but is not limited to, soliciting or asking for votes, verbal word of mouth, and distribution or posting of printed materials in support of the candidate or bearing the candidate's name, including business cards, fliers, posters, and any material that would give the candidate an unfair advantage shall not be allowed by candidates or their supporters. Also, it is the candidate's responsibility to keep all social networking sites free of any information pertaining to elections.

During the elections process, all officer candidates are prohibited from using electronic devices (cell phones, PDAs, etc.). The purpose of this policy is to prohibit communications between officer candidates, spectators, voting delegates, or resources which might give the candidate an unfair advantage during the election process.

If a member or chapter adviser of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America feels that an officer candidate has violated one or both policies, such violation must be reported, in writing, to the headquarters room at State Leadership Conference. Alleged violations must be reported prior to the close of the voting process. This allegation will be investigated by the members of the State Executive Council and state adviser and may lead to disqualification. The decision to disqualify shall be a majority vote of the State Executive Council members in attendance. Candidates currently serving as State Executive Council members shall not participate in the investigation or vote. The decision of the State Executive Council and state adviser is final.

In the event of the disqualification of all state president candidates, the current State Executive Council will appoint the new president and first vice president, with the approval of the state adviser. Appointment will be by majority vote of the current council.

In the event of the disqualification of all national officer candidates, the position will remain vacant.

Disqualified candidates shall remain a member of the State Executive Council.