



2015-2016 Student Board of Directors

in coordination with Oklahoma State University

Mission

To provide opportunities to those students wishing to gain leadership skills by participating in an academic/corporate agricultural finance experience. This includes exposure to the function of a board of directors and the development of decision-making skills related to an agricultural cooperative.

Eligibility and Selection

- OSU College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources students who are enrolled in their sophomore or junior year are eligible for this program. It is a desire of the association that the student directors have a farm background and plan to maintain their agricultural involvement upon graduation.
- Directors may serve consecutive years by reapplying for a position each spring.
- Students are eligible to continue on the board after graduation only if pursuing a graduate degree at OSU. A director is eligible to serve a maximum of four years.
- This program is publicized through OSU newsletters, listservs and class visits.

Application Process

To be considered for the Student Board of Directors, please complete and submit the attached application along with a résumé and transcript by April 24, 2015 to:

Rodney Jones

Oklahoma Farm Credit Professor of Agricultural Finance
Department of Agricultural Economics
423 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078
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The selection process and possible interviews will be completed by May 8. Letters will be sent to those selected to serve on the board.

Program

Meetings Eight monthly meetings will be scheduled September 2015 – April 2016 and will be held at the FCS of ECOK office in Stillwater. Meeting times will be set based on students' schedules. Meetings may consist of a short presentation by FCS of ECOK staff and in some cases, student development work. Report or project preparation time may be required outside the monthly meetings.

Honorarium A \$60/meeting honorarium will be provided to each student pending meeting attendance.

About Farm Credit of East Central Oklahoma

- Farm Credit was chartered in 1917 as part of a nation-wide cooperative to supply financing for full- and part-time farmers
- Farm Credit Services of East Central Oklahoma is part of the national Farm Credit System
- The Agricultural Credit Association (ACA) is a “holding company” for the Federal Land Credit Association (FLCA) and the Production Credit Association (PCA)
- The FLCA provides long-term credit for farm and ranch real estate and rural home loans
- The PCA provides short- and intermediate-term operating, equipment and livestock loans
- FCS of ECOK is chartered to provide agricultural credit products to operators in 51 central and eastern Oklahoma counties
- The association has a 12-member board of directors elected by borrowers/stockholders. In addition, bylaws require at least two appointed directors

Questions

Please direct questions to:

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FARM CREDIT
of
EAST CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

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Due Date: Friday, April 24, 2015 (5 p.m.) in 423 Ag Hall

Name (in full) _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Permanent Address _____
Street, Box or Route City

_____ State Zip County

Local Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Permanent Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Major(s) _____

Option _____ Minor(s) _____

Total Hours Earned _____ Cumulative GPA _____

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I grant permission for the staff members of the College of Ag to verify any information given in this application.

Student ID# _____ (Signature) _____

Please Attach:

- **A copy of your resume that includes your activities and job experiences (including positions held)**
- **A current copy of your transcript**
- **A typed description detailing why you are interested in becoming a member of the Farm Credit of East Central Oklahoma Student Board of Directors**