Timothy Hawes

Florida 4-H State President 2025—2026 and Florida Virtual School Honors Student

Career & Personal Goals:

My objective is to lead others and set an example for youth and adults by operating with a strong work ethic, whether it be communicated by leading a 4-H meeting, farm work, sporting activities, or even by showing my faith. Whatever task I am presented with, I will put forth all my efforts into completing it and will not stop until it is finished. I strive to help others achieve the same mindset if they choose to welcome it.

Education:

Florida Virtual School

9th Grade—Present

Academic Honor Role

Experience in the Workforce:

***March 2021 – Present:* Mayhem Ranch – Ranch Hand**

Owner: Mr. Jimmy Wickett – Davie, FL & Morriston, FL

- Assist with caring for the well being of exotic animals.
- Lead other employees, assist with marketing, and operate animal encounters.
- Operate machinery for the transportation of many items and feed.

***March 2024 – Present:* Miami Airsoft**

Owner: Mr. Daniel Baez – Miami, FL & West Palm Beach, FL

- Assist with promotional activities.
- Teach youth educational courses.

Volunteer Service:

Project ROC Dune Restorations— The Project ROC dune restoration efforts help restore Florida's coastline.

Feeding South Florida— The Feeding South Florida food drive provides for those less fortunate by gifting them fresh food.

Pier and Beach Clean-Ups— Large efforts to remove non-biodegradable items from our environment to protect wildlife.

Bioblitz— The Citizen Science Bioblitz takes place in different forests to document plant species for scientific research.

One Beautiful World Nursing Home Visits— One Beautiful World provides residents with company, games, and flowers.

Project Stable Ranch Hand— Project Stable 4-H Club teaches youth about agriculture and livestock care.

One Million Meals Packing— One Million Meals provides underserved communities around the world with proper nutrition.

4-H SERVES Hurricane Helene Relief Drive— During this drive, we delivered and distributed non-perishable food, water, and toiletry items to those impacted by Hurricane Helene in the Big Bend Region of Florida.

Wreaths Across America— Wreaths across America provides and lays wreaths on soldiers' graves during the holidays.

Operation Christmas Child— Operation Christmas Child sends toys and toiletries to youth in less fortunate countries.

2025-2026 - 4-H Leadership Roles & Qualifications:

- Florida 4-H State Council President
- Ex officio leader of the Florida 4-H Executive Board
- Work Ready Florida 4-H Ambassador
- Florida 4-H Southeast District Board Delegate
- 2026 National 4-H Conference Delegate
- Fort Lauderdale Archers 4-H Club Vice President
- 4-H Broward County Council Secretary

Recent 4-H Experiences, Responsibilities, & Awards:

- National 4-H Shooting Sports Competitor for Team Florida: Compound Archery
- Florida 4-H Regional Tailgate Competition/Pork Division—Second Place
- National 4-H Conference State Delegate
- President of the United States' Volunteer Service Gold Award - 500 Hours
- Florida 4-H Legislature Chris Allen Award Recipient
- Florida 4-H State Air Rifle Match—State Champion
- Southeastern Region Advocacy in Action Competition at the Sunbelt Ag Expo—2nd Place Team
- Florida 4-H State Archery Match—Second Place

Life Skills:

Public Speaking & Leadership – Throughout my 12 years in 4-H, I have developed strong public speaking and leadership skills through leading multiple 4-H clubs, spearheading the Florida 4-H Executive Board, and serving as Florida 4-H State Council President, where I have spoken in front of thousands of individuals. Recent speaking engagements where I demonstrated these skills include, but are not limited to: Bulls, Broncs, and BBQ Rodeo Fest (4/18/26-4/19/26); Fresh from Florida Pioneer Breakfast at the Florida State Fair (2/5/26); presenting to the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture in Washington, D.C. (4/17/26); Champion of Champions Luncheon (2/16/26); Ag Hall of Fame Banquet (2/10/26); Florida 4-H Day at the Capitol (1/28/26); presenting to the Florida Senate Committee on Agriculture (1/27/26); University of Florida IFAS Dinner of Distinction (11/24/25); and the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (9/18/25–9/21/25).

Timeliness & Work Ethic – Timeliness is essential when meeting deadlines and making decisions, while work ethic ensures tasks are completed with efficiency and quality. My experience with these skills comes from leading the Florida 4-H State Council and the Florida 4-H State Executive Board. Additionally, I have fostered partnerships between 4-H and external supporters, helping generate over $10,000 annually for the Executive Board through volunteer-driven initiatives. My responsibilities include risk management, volunteer coordination, promotion, and liaison communication with the Florida 4-H Foundation, staff, and faculty. Furthermore, in my role as Florida 4-H State Council President, I serve as a voting member of the Florida 4-H Board of Directors, where I prepare detailed reports on the activities and accomplishments of both the Florida 4-H State Council and the 4-H membership, submitting these reports within strict deadlines.

Social Skills– Social skills are essential for effective networking across diverse audiences. Through my leadership roles in 4-H, I regularly engage with individuals ranging from peers to state and national leaders, including the Commissioner of Agriculture and the President of the Florida Farm Bureau. These interactions have strengthened my ability to communicate professionally and confidently. Ambassador events I have attended in the 2025–2026 4-H year include National 4-H Conference (4/10/26–4/15/26); Ignite by National 4-H (3/25/26–3/29/26); Florida State Fair events, including Opening Festivities and Governor's Luncheon (2/04/26–2/05/26); Martin County FFA Banquet (12/11/25); and Florida Farm Bureau Annual Meeting (10/27/25–10/29/25).