

Mikayla Hargis is from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. She began her FFA career at the Harpers Ferry Middle School FFA Chapter where she served as Chapter President her 8th grade year. The advisor of the chapter was Jim Lawson. He encouraged her to continue her FFA career at Jefferson High School. While at Jefferson, her advisors were Mitch Fincham, Jeremey Greene, and Charity Marstiller. The FFA allowed Mikayla to step outside of her comfort zone and be a part of something bigger.

Mikayla's SAE is Equine Management. She works with retired race horses and allows them to have a comfortable living space where they can enjoy the rest of their life. Throughout her years as a FFA member, Mikayla served as Assistant Vice President, Reporter, and Vice President of the Jefferson FFA Chapter. She also served as the Northeast Region President. Some of her favorite Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events include Parliamentary Procedure, Farm Business Management, and Employment Skills. She will be competing at National Convention in October for Employment Skills.

Outside of the FFA, Mikayla was a member of the National Honor Society, the JHS Dance Department, and a volunteer cheerleading coach for recreational leagues. One of her favorite events is the Mr./Miss Extraordinary Pageant put on by the JHS Dance Department. This pageant is open for special needs students in Jefferson County Schools. It allows the children to show off how extraordinary they really are by competing in talent, evening wear, and on-stage questions. However, at the end, all contestants are rewarded with a crown and a sash. Mikayla has served as an emcee and a judge for the pageant.

This year as State Secretary, Mikayla hopes to share her passion for the FFA with members and show them all the opportunities available in this organization.