

FCCLA Membership Things to Know



What is FCCLA...

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education, or as determined by the state department of education. FCCLA has more than 200,000 members and nearly 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA Mission Statement

To promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

Creed

We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.
We face the future with warm courage and high hope.
For we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values.
For we are the builders of homes, Homes for America's future, Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair,
Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities, not dreams.
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Purposes

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
2. To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.
3. To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.
4. To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
5. To promote greater understanding between youth and adults.
6. To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.
7. To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
8. To promote Family and Consumer Sciences education and related occupations.

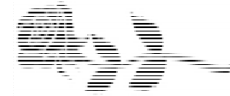
FCCLA Membership Fun Facts

Tagline

The Ultimate Leadership Experience

Flower

Rose



Motto

Toward New Horizons

Colors

The FCCLA colors are—red (PMS 185) and white.

Red suggests strength, courage, and determination, personal qualities leading to happiness through a positive self-image.

White symbolizes sincerity of purpose and integrity of action, qualities that will help individuals build a better tomorrow.

The FCCLA Official Uniform

Red blazer—may be single or double-breasted

Black skirts and slacks are to be worn with the official blazer



FCCLA Emblem

The FCCLA emblem shows that FCCLA is a dynamic, active organization bound for the future. The dominant collegiate lettering articulates a focus on education and student leadership. The swooping arch embodies an active organization that moves toward new arenas. The color of the emblem is one of the organizational colors—red (PMS 185).

It is a national policy that the organization's name and emblem may be used only in connection with programs and projects directly related to the Mission and Purposes of FCCLA. Correct use of the FCCLA emblem and other important media information can be found in the "Guide to Promoting FCCLA" at <http://www.fcclainc.org>, click on News and Media for a pull down screen, then click on Guide to Promoting FCCLA.

What are the qualifications for being an FCCLA member?

Any student who is taking or has taken a course in Family and Consumer Sciences, or as determined by the state department of education, (middle school through grade 12) is eligible for membership in an organized chapter within the school.

Who can be an FCCLA adviser?

Any teacher certified in Family and Consumer Sciences Education or Related Occupations, or as determined by the state department of education, may serve as a chapter adviser.

FCCLA PROGRAMS

In order to unify FCCLA programs across the nation, FCCLA chapters should address projects that fall into one of the National Programs. Check the FCCLA national website, www.fcclainc.org, for more information on programs and other national activities.

Career Connection

A national program that guides young people to link their options and skills for success in careers, families, and communities.

FACTS—Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety

A national peer education program through which young people strive to save lives through sober driving, seat belt use, and safe driving habits.

Families First

A national peer education program through which young people gain a better understanding of how families work and learn skills to become strong family members.

Financial Fitness

A national peer education program that involves youth teaching other young people how to make, save, and spend money wisely.

Power of One

A national program that helps students find and use their personal power by setting their own goals, and working to achieve them.

Leadership Service in Action

A national program that guides students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects through service learning and classroom objectives.

STOP the Violence—Students Taking On Prevention

A national peer education program that empowers youth with positive attitudes, skills, and resources to recognize, report, and reduce youth violence.

Student Body

A national peer education program that helps young people learn to eat right, be fit, and make healthy choices.

FCCLA Competitive Events

FCCLA provides several opportunities for students to gain recognition for their individual, team, and chapter activities. Students are encouraged to expand their knowledge and experiences in an area of their interest and build on foundational and specialized skills and abilities through FCCLA Competitive Events. While members strive for success they learn the importance of education, the value of helping others, and the power of self-accomplishment.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Knowledge Bowl

The Family and Consumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl is a team competition that challenges students' knowledge of all aspects of Family and Consumer Sciences. Four levels of competition test members' retention of classroom material and provide fun and exciting goals.

Knowledge Bowl competitions are held at the regional Cluster Meetings with the final round of competition at the National Leadership Conference.

For information visit the National Website and use the pull down menu for Programs, Competitive Events, Knowledge Bowl.

Skills Demonstration Events

The Skill Demonstration Events provide opportunities for members to demonstrate college and career-ready skills in family and consumer sciences and related occupations. There are nine competition areas. The Competitions take place at National Cluster Meetings.

For information visit the National Website and use the pull down menu for Programs, Competitive Events, Skills Demonstration Events.

FCCLA Contests

FCCLA contests allow students to use creativity to express their FCCLA spirit. Contests take place during the year and are announced on the FCCLA national website. Contests may be for creating a poster, t-shirt design, or maybe a new recipe.

Check out the current opportunities by visiting the National Website and use the pull down menu for Programs, Competitive Events, Contests.

STAR Events

STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) recognize members for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Most STAR Events are for middle school and high school FCCLA members, but there are some STAR Events for post-secondary FCCLA members.

STAR Event Competitions are held at State Leadership Conference. The top state winners may then compete at the National Leadership Conference.

For information about STAR Events, visit the National Website and use the pull down menu for Programs, Competitive Events, STAR Events, STAR Events description. Also look in the Competitive Events Guide.

FCCLA Planning Process

The *Planning Process* is a decision-making tool that supports the organization's overall philosophy about youth-centered leadership and personal growth. It can be used to determine group action in a chapter or class or to plan individual projects. More information is found in the FCCLA Competitive Events Guide.

Planning Process Step 1 - IDENTIFY CONCERNS

Brainstorm your ideas and project ideas, evaluate your list and narrow it to a workable project.

Planning Process Step 2 - SET A GOAL

Write your ideas as a goal that can be achieved and evaluated. Consider resources.

Planning Process Step 3 – FORM A PLAN

Decide who, what, where, when, and how. Consider abilities, resources, barriers, recognition, timetable.

Planning Process Step 4 – ACT

Carry out your goal using others when needed.

Planning Process Step 5 – FOLLOW UP

Review and evaluate your plan. Share and publicize your efforts. Recognize those involved.

FCCLA History Timeline

June 1945

Future Homemakers of America was founded at a convention in Chicago, Illinois.

September 28, 1981

The official ground-breaking ceremony for the National Headquarters and Leadership Center was held at the building site in Reston, Virginia.

July 1983

The National Headquarters and Leadership Center was dedicated during the 1983 National Leadership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

July 1999

Voting delegates voted in favor of the proposed name change to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

September 2003

“The Ultimate Leadership Experience”, the tagline chosen by members, was used on all national materials.

Pennsylvania Meeting Information

Regional Meetings are held in the fall in three areas of Pennsylvania – Western, Central, and Eastern. Check the state FCCLA website for dates, locations and information. pafcccla.org

A State Leadership Conference is held in March or April for state STAR competition, election and installation of state officers, leadership workshops and state recognition ceremonies. The three regions of Pennsylvania take turns hosting the State Leadership Conference.