

# For the Ultimate Leadership Experience



## Welcome to FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience!

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) provides a wealth of benefits for students, Family and Consumer Sciences programs, schools, community, and an adviser's own professional development. New advisers find that FCCLA offers a broad spectrum of program choices. The word "choices" is the key to survival and success.

## 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 related courses as determined by the state Department of Education. FCCLA has more than 200,000 members and nearly 5,500 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.

## Who Are FCCLA Members?

Any student who has taken a course in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related course as determined by the state Department of Education through grade 12 is eligible for active membership in an organized chapter within their school. Teachers can be involved too! Teachers certified in comprehensive or occupational Family and Consumer Sciences Education can serve as the FCCLA chapter adviser. Once the chapter is affiliated with its respective state as well as with the national organization, teachers/advisers will reap the rewards of integrating FCCLA into their course curriculum.

## What Does FCCLA Offer?

Find more information about the benefits of FCCLA online. Visit our website today at [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org).

## FCCLA National Programs

- ★ Career Connection
- ★ Dynamic Leadership
- ★ FACTS (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety)
- ★ Families First
- ★ Financial Fitness
- ★ Japanese Exchange
- ★ Leaders at Work
- ★ Leadership Service in Action
- ★ Power of One
- ★ STOP the Violence (Students Taking on Prevention)
- ★ Student Body

## Competitive Events

- ★ Family and Consumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl
- ★ FCCLA Contests
- ★ Skill Demonstration Events
- ★ STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition)

## National Outreach Project

FCCLA's National Outreach Project is a national community service activity that gives our state delegations/members opportunities to make a united impact concerning a need.

## National Meetings

FCCLA members and advisers travel to participate in engaging workshops, listen to dynamic speakers, and network with other students and teachers from across the country.



## FCCLA Is...

### Career and Technical Education

As a federally recognized Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), FCCLA plays a role in developing youth through classroom integration of FCCLA national programs, competitive events, and service learning projects. FCCLA partners with Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructors in middle schools and high schools to maintain high standards of education and demonstrate student leadership related to the Mission and Purposes that guide the organization.

## FCCLA Is...

### Family and Consumer Sciences Education

FCCLA is directly linked to Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) education through classroom instruction and chapter adviser involvement. FCCLA chapter advisers are licensed in FACS education or a related field. FCCLA's National Programs are chosen to align with and instruct students in FACS education standards. Through classroom activities, competitive events, and service learning projects, chapter advisers and student members demonstrate the important values of FACS education. Credit for attendance at conferences and for adviser professional development

is offered by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).



## FCCLA Is...

### Student Leadership

Personal growth and leadership development are at the forefront of the FCCLA Mission. By completing projects for service learning and participating in competitive events, students gain important leadership skills they take with them for life. FCCLA chapters and state associations are led by officers who have demonstrated leadership skills in and out of the classroom. Ten student members are chosen to help lead the national organization. This team makes up the National Executive Council (NEC). All of these opportunities develop students as they prepare to move on to the next stage of life.

## FCCLA Is...

### Service Learning

Service learning brings community service and classroom learning together. FCCLA facilitates efforts through chapter, state, and national activities. National programs highlight opportunities for chapters to build unique service learning projects for their own communities. These can include projects in nutrition, bullying, family relations, and endless other possibilities. The National Outreach Project is developed by national staff and the NEC to foster service learning opportunities related to the FCCLA Mission by bringing together local projects focused on one area of need.

## FCCLA Is...

### Competitive Events

FCCLA provides an opportunity to learn and lead while competing for chapter, state, and national recognition. Competitions range from individual to team opportunities and are focused on culinary arts, fashion and interior design, education careers, communication skills, financial planning, and other career and life skills. Competitions can include presentations, test-taking, and skill demonstrations and take place at national conferences and most state conferences.

## The Key to FCCLA Success

When starting a chapter it's important not to get overwhelmed. You will find limitless possibilities for community connections and project ideas when looking through all the FCCLA options. To read more about National Programs and Competitive Events, or to find classroom ideas, read the "Where Do I Start?" section of the FCCLA Membership Kit.

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