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Texas FCCLA



Chapter Handbook



The Texas Association of Family, Career, and Community, Leaders of America is presents this handbook of information to the members of the organization at the local, regional, state, and national levels. The 2011-2012 regional presidents wish you a great year in your local chapters.

What is FCCLA?

FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public and private school, grades 7- 12.

FCCLA helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

Any student, through the twelfth grade, who is taking or has taken a course of family and consumer sciences can become a member.

Each year over 200,000 students join over 10,000 chapters in 53 state associations, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence and career exploration.

Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life -- planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication -- necessary in the home and workplace.

FCCLA is the only student-led organization with the family as its central focus.

Important Dates

2011

<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
• Peer Education Training	Dallas	Sept. 25-26
• State Fair of Texas	Dallas	Sept. 30- Oct.- 23
• National Cluster Meeting	Minneapolis, Minnesota Denver, Colorado	Nov. 11-13
• National Cluster Meeting	Atlanta, Georgia	Nov. 18-20

2012

• Region IV Meeting	Galveston	Jan. 26-28
• Region I Meeting	Lubbock	Feb. 2-4
• Region III Meeting	Waco	Feb. 9-11
• Region V Meeting	Corpus Christi	Feb. 23-25
• Region II Meeting	Abilene	Mar. 1-3
• State Meeting	Dallas	Apr. 19-21
• National Meeting	Orlando, FL	Jul. 8-12

Purposes

1. To promote 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, family and consumer sciences careers, and related occupations.

Planning Process

Identify concerns

Brainstorm for ideas
Evaluate
Narrow down

Set your goal

Be specific & Consider resources

Form a plan

Who, What, When, Where, & How

Act

Carry out plan

Follow up

Evaluate, Publicize, & Recognize

This Year's Theme:

Highway To Success



National Programs

Power of One helps students find and use their personal power. Members set their own goals, work to achieve them, and enjoy the results. The skills members learn in Power of One help them now and in the future in school, with friends and family, in their future at college, and on the job. There are five units of Power of One: A Better You, Working on Working, Speak Out for FCCLA, Family Ties and Take the Lead



STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) are competitive events in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation.



STAR Events:

Applied Technology, Career Investigation, Chapter Service Project (Display and Manual), Chapter Showcase (Display and Manual), Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, Entrepreneurship, Fashion Design, Financial Planning, Focus on Children, Hospitality, Illustrated Talk, Interior Design, Interpersonal Communications, Job Interview, National Programs in Action, Parliamentary Procedure, Recycle and Redesign

STOP the Violence, Students Taking on Prevention, is a national program that empowers youth with attitudes, skills, and resources in order to recognize, report, and reduce youth violence.



Student Body is a national FCCLA peer education program that helps young people learn to eat right, be fit, and make healthy choices.



Opening Ceremony

President: Give a rap with the gavel signaling the officers and member to stand and say:

“We are Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Our mission is to promote personal growth and leadership develop through family and consumer sciences education.”

Officers: “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.”

Members: “As we work toward the accomplishment of our goals, we learn cooperation, take responsibility, develop leadership and give service.”

President: “The meeting of the _____ Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now in session. You may be seated.

Closing Ceremony

President: Give a rap with the gavel as a signal to stand and say: “FCCLA members, we are challenged to accept the responsibility of making decisions that affect our lives today and the world tomorrow. Let us repeat our creed:

Members in Unison: 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 good and fair, Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities, not dreams. We are the Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America. We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

President: This meeting of the _____ Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now adjourned.

Parliamentary Law

Order of Business

1. Call to order or opening ceremony
2. Roll Call
3. Secretary's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Other officer's report
6. Standing committee report
7. Special committee report (if any)
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Announcements
11. Program
12. Adjournment or closing ceremony

How A Motion Progresses

1. A member rises and addresses the presiding officer
2. The member is recognized by the presiding officer
3. The member proposes a motion
4. Another member seconds the motion.
5. The presiding officer states the motion to the assembly.
6. The assembly discusses or debates the motion.
7. The presiding officer takes the vote on the motion.
8. The presiding officer announces the result of the vote.



National Programs

Families First is a national FCCLA peer education program through which youth gain a better understanding of how families work and learn skills to become strong family members.



Financial Fitness is a national FCCLA peer education program that involves youth teaching one another how to make, save, and spend money wisely. Through FCCLA's Financial Fitness program, youth plan and carry out projects that help them and their peers learn to become wise financial managers and smart consumers.



Japanese Exchange Program is a national program that provides scholarship opportunities to FCCLA members to travel to Japan for four to six weeks as an exchange student. This program is funded by the Kikkoman Corporation, administered by Youth For Understanding USA. The program will award FCCLA members full scholarships worth more than \$4,000 each.



Leaders at Work is a national program that recognizes FCCLA members who create projects to strengthen leadership skills on the job. These skills contribute to success across a broad range of career fields. Leaders at Work motivates students to prepare for career success.



National Programs

Career Connection guides young people to link their options and skills for success in families, careers, and communities. Through individual, cooperative, and competitive activities, members — discover their strengths, target careers goals, and initiate a plan for achieving the lifestyle they desire.



The FCCLA Community Service Program guides students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Through their projects, members experience character development and improve critical and creative thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.



Dynamic Leadership is a national FCCLA program that helps young people build leadership skills. It provides information, activities, and project ideas to help young people:

- learn about leadership
- recognize the lifelong benefits of leadership skills
- practice leadership skills through FCCLA involvement
- become strong leaders for families, careers, and communities



FACTS - Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety

Young people learn the realities of traffic safety. They discover that safety is a family matter. Their FACTS projects can reach their peers, children, and adults with traffic safety messages and activities.



FCCLA FYI

FCCLA Week- is celebrated each year during the second full week in February and coincides with National Vocational Education Week.

National Headquarters- is located in Reston, Virginia.

The Birth of the Organization- was on June 11, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois. The name was changed from Future Homemakers America to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America in 1999 to better identify members of the organization.

Cluster Meetings- are a series of weekend meetings held in the fall. Attendees discover creative ways to heighten chapter, school, and community involvement. Cluster meetings information is mailed to chapters early in the school year. Information may also be found at www.fcclainc.org.

National Leadership Meeting- is held each July and offers members and advisors opportunities to develop leadership skills and learn ways to enhance chapter action through participation issues-oriented workshops and activities.

Teen Times- is FCCLA members' national magazine, with coverage of teen issues and chapter action ideas. Members receive four issues each year. Prompt chapter affiliation ensures members will receive their copies.

The Advisor- is a newsletter that recognizes advisers' importance to the organization and provides ideas and updates to make their chapters run smoother. The Advisor is mailed three times per year.

New national programs, projects, and publications are periodically introduced through Teen Times and The Advisor, and at national and cluster meetings. Be sure your chapter keeps up-to-date with the latest FCCLA news.

FCCLA Facts

Colors- Red and White

Official colors contribute to the organization's national unity and provide identity. 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.

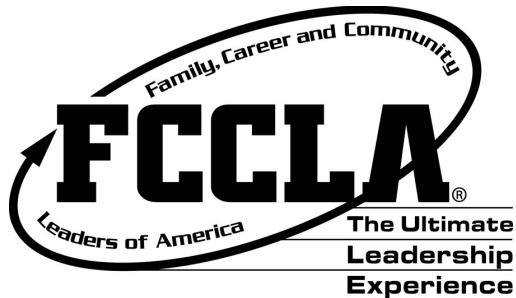
Red and white may be used effectively in many ways for FCCLA meetings, such as wearing red and white uniforms, displaying the FCCLA emblem or using red and white decorations.

Flower- Red Rose

The red rose represents the organization because it gives joy through its beauty and fragrance. It symbolizes a desire for beauty and everyday living.

Emblem

This is the official emblem for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapters. The collegiate letters stand for education and student leadership. The arrow stands for an active organization that embodies new arenas. The tagline, The Ultimate Leadership Experience, comes off the lower right side.



Name and Emblem Use

According to national policy, the organization's name and emblem may be used only in connection with programs and projects directly related to the goal and purposes of FCCLA. When the emblem is reproduced, it should be an exact replica of the official emblem. The name and emblem of FCCLA may not be used in commercially developed or on member-developed products for sale to the public except as authorized by national headquarters.

The following guidelines are recommended when wearing the official emblem.

- Wear the emblem over the heart or on a jacket pocket
- Avoid wearing the emblem in combination with other school organization emblem or seals or in combination with the school's name.

FCCLA Pin

The pin is a reproduction of the FCCLA emblem. Members, advisors, honorary members, Alumni & Associates members and chapter parents may wear the pin.

Active and Alumni & Associates members use the shield guard; for advisors an A; for honorary members, an H; and for chapter parents, a P.

The FCCLA pin is worn over the heart. The guard should be placed level with the lower point of the pin. The wearer determines the number of symbols to be worn at one time and their placement on the chain.