

Spotlight on Projects Guidelines 2023 – 2024

Spotlight on Projects is a competitive opportunity that showcases a chapter's involvement in the FCCLA National Programs. Spotlight on Projects does not have an oral presentation. It is a display with specifications further explained in the guidelines (below) and rubric. It is a regional competition that can advance to state. State winners have the opportunity to be showcased at the National Conference. The national showcase is not a competition and participation in the national showcase is not guaranteed.

1. The categories available this year are:

- a. Community Service
- b. FACTS
- c. Families First
- d. Stand Up
- e. Student Body

2. A chapter may enter only one project in each category.

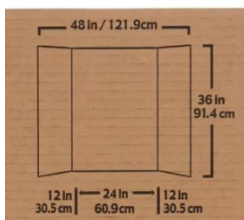
3. Project categories may be changed until noon on Wednesday of the week prior to each region conference. **Categories may NOT be changed after these times:**

- a. Region I: January 31 at noon CST
- b. Region II: February 21 at noon CST
- c. Region III: February 7 at noon CST
- d. Region IV: January 17 at noon CST
- e. Region V: January 24 at noon CST

4. Each entry may have up to 3 participants.

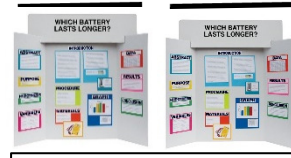
5. **Entry Fees and Deadlines:** the entry fee for Spotlight on Projects at the Region Conference level is \$25. The deadline for registration is **December 1**. Late Spotlight on Projects entries will be accepted through December 8 for a fee of \$35. **No entries will be accepted after December 8**. The entry fee for those projects advancing to the State Conference is \$25 per project. All entries must be registered and fees paid through the Texas FCCLA conference registration system. There are **NO REFUNDS** for entry fees of any dropped entries or no-shows. Please notify staff of any drops.

6. The project **MUST** be displayed on a tri-fold project board. The board will be placed on a provided tabletop. The standard tri-fold project board size is 36" high by 48" wide. Toppers are optional. When the board is open and on display (including any add-ons/toppers), it must fit within the dimensions of 36" wide and no higher than 48" tall (see diagram below).



Standard tri-fold project board

No wider than 36" each when open



No higher than
48" with optional
topper

7. Only the project board is allowed. Props or other extra items are NOT allowed. Anything to be judged must be attached to the board.
8. The project board MUST include a project identification page to be displayed on the back of the board. It must be one 8 1/2" x 11" page on plain white paper, with no graphics or decorations. It must include participant name(s), chapter name, school, city, Texas region, and project category.
9. Each project board MUST include a project description of no more than 200 words posted on the front of the board. Please label this paragraph as "Project Description." The title will not count towards the word limit.
10. The project board MUST include a minimum of 5 original photographs (more photos are welcomed, but the board must have at least 5) along with captions under each photograph describing the activity.
11. Participants are NOT allowed to stand by the board during the voting period. Anyone standing by the board will be asked to leave.
12. Each delegate attending the conference will have one vote per category to determine People's Choice project. Evaluators will use the Spotlight on Projects Rubric to determine the First Place project in each of the categories. Only the first place (evaluator score) in each category will advance to state.
13. All evaluator scores are final. Rubrics will be returned to advisors electronically after the conference.

**If these guidelines are not followed, your project will NOT be accepted. Students will be voting on & evaluators will be scoring your project board. The key to advancement is making boards creative & easy to understand.*