



# STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**FCCLA**  
NORTH CAROLINA

CONFERENCE GUIDEBOOK

2026

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DATE & LOCATION

**MARCH 16-18, 2026**

Koury Convention Center & Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons  
3121 West Gate City Blvd.  
Greensboro, NC 27407

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### REGISTRATION RATE - \$95.00 PER ATTENDEE

This registration rate includes:

- Attendance at all general and breakout sessions throughout the conference.
- The opportunity for youth attendees to compete in **one** competitive event opportunity (STAR event or State-Level Event).

#### FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATE - \$140 PER ATTENDEE

This registration rate includes:

- Regular registration, as highlighted above, AND
- The **Main Event** Special Event registration
- This registration does not include transportation to and from the special event. To add transportation please find that option under the 'optional registration add-ons'.

#### OPTIONAL REGISTRATION ADD-ONS

- The **Main Event Transportation** add-on - \$25 per attendee
- State T-Shirt - \$25  
Commemorate the year with a state-branded t-shirt! T-shirts can be pre-purchased during registration. The shirts will be unisex adult-sized shirts. Shirts can be purchased on-site at the conference for \$25. There will be limited quantities available for purchase at the conference.
- The **Main Event** Special Event - \$45
  - Join the SEC for the MAIN EVENT of the week while we get a chance to relax and have fun by playing arcade games, bowling, laser tag, and more!
  - Registration for this event includes pizza and a drink.
  - Off-site transportation is required. You can transport yourself or do 'the Main Event Transportation add-on'. The Main Event is a 7 minute drive from the convention center.
  - An adviser must be registered for this event if youth members are registered.
  - Youth members must have an adult chaperone with them for the duration of the event.
  - This event has limited capacity. If event capacity is met, once that capacity is met the registration will be turned off.
- Parade of Chapter Flags - \$0  
Chapters wishing to participate in the Parade of Chapter Flags should add this optional add-on under the student that will represent their chapter on stage during this ceremony. **ONLY ONE REGISTRATION PER CHAPTER**

Chaperones, bus drivers, and other adult guests attending with the chapter are not required to be affiliated and should be registered using the 'Adult - Non Adviser' option.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026**

Late registrations will not be accepted after this deadline. For substitutions, name changes, cancellations and/or incorrect information, please see that portion of the guidebook.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION & OPTIONS****REGISTRATION PAYMENT INFORMATION**

An invoice will automatically be created when registration is submitted in the FCCLA Portal. Invoice(s) can be viewed and/or paid using this invoice. If you do not receive an invoice after registration please confirm that you have correctly submitted registration for this event. Full payment on the registration invoice(s) is expected to be made before check-in.

**PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED BY MARCH 2ND, 2026, WILL INCUR A \$25 LATE PAYMENT FEE PER INVOICE. PAYMENTS WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO NORTH CAROLINA FCCLA, DO NOT MAIL PAYMENTS TO NATIONAL FCCLA.**

**REGISTRATION PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Chapters may submit payment(s) on their registration invoice(s) using one or more of the following options:

- **Mailed Payment** - Chapters can mail their payments to the address listed on the invoice to be received prior to the date listed above. Advisers should confirm that their school has updated the payment information to reflect NC FCCLA as the recipient.
- **Credit Card Payment** - Your chapter can request a link be sent to the chapter adviser to make a credit card payment. Follow the request directions listed on the official invoice.
- **E-Check Payment** - A check payment can be submitted for the event invoice(s) by requesting a link the same way you would request a link for a credit card payment.

**CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

Cancellation and refund requests must be submitted online through the registration link by **February 15th, 2026**. Telephone, email, and fax cancellations will not be accepted.

- Cancellations received by **February 15th, 2026**, will be refunded at the conference registration rate.
- Requests for refunds will not be honored for cancellations received after the cancellation deadline.
- Refunds will not be provided for attendees who do not show up for the conference or leave the conference before its conclusion.
- Non-payment of invoices can impact a chapter's ability to register and participate in future events and conferences.

**SUBSTITUTION POLICY**

Attendee substitutions and/or name changes must be submitted online through the FCCLA Portal by **March 2nd, 2026**. Telephone, email, and fax changes will not be accepted. Substitutions will not be honored after the posted deadline. If substituting a Competitive Event participant, the Competitive Event participant must match the event and level category of the participant being replaced.

**NC FCCLA WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE REGISTRATIONS OR CHANGES TO REGISTRATION ON-SITE, INCLUDING COMPETITIVE EVENT REGISTRATION AND CHANGES. IT IS THE ADVISERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE ACCURATE EVENT REGISTRATION PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE USING THE REGISTRATION SITE AND THE INVOICE RECEIVED AFTER REGISTRATION.**

## HOTEL INFORMATION

**UPDATED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2026 WITH NEW 'TO MAKE A RESERVATION' DIRECTIONS BASED ON ISSUES CHAPTERS WERE HAVING UPLOADING THEIR FORMS TO THE PASSKEY.**

The official hotel for the 2026 State Leadership Conference is the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons. The Joseph S. Koury Convention Center will hold all sessions and Competitive Events. All attendees are required to stay in the official hotel.

Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons  
 3121 W. Gate City Blvd.  
 Greensboro, NC 27407

### RATE

\$169.00 plus tax (12.75% sales tax rate)  
 Double-Bed or King Bed Rooms

Check-in: 3:00 PM  
 Check-Out: 12:00 PM

A secure location for baggage will be available for attendees on Monday, March 16th, before check-in, and again on Wednesday, March 18th, after check-out. In addition to standard hotel room amenities, each hotel room will include:

- High-Speed Internet Access
- Complimentary Parking
- Mini-Fridge

Breakfast is not included

### RESERVATIONS

#### HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

Reservations must be made using the Official Hotel Reservation Form and submission link provided by the hotel.

- Telephone, email, or faxed reservations will not be accepted.
- A complete address, working email address, and a first night's deposit plus tax or credit card information are required. Credit card information provided on the form will only be used for reservation purposes. If individual deposits are made these will be fully refundable for cancellations occurring up to 72 hours before arrival.

A hotel reservation confirmation email will be emailed to the adviser who submitted the reservation, Please contact the hotel directly if you do not receive a reservation confirmation within 3-5 business days of submitting your reservation request. Before contacting the hotel, please ensure that you have submitted the correct email address and that the confirmation email is not in your junk or spam folder and your school is not blocking the email from being received.

#### TO MAKE A RESERVATION

- Download the [rooming spreadsheet by clicking here](#).
- Complete the spreadsheet per the directions below.
- Email the spreadsheet directly to Karen Benjamin at [KBenjamin@sheratongreensboro.com](mailto:KBenjamin@sheratongreensboro.com).

#### INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM THE HOTEL

- Rooming lists will be downloaded in the date and time order they are received.
- All lists need to be filled out completely. No matter if a school has one room or twenty rooms, every column and every line will need to be filled out. Incomplete forms will be sent back and will be entered in the order it is received upon completion.
- Please indicate ADULT after the First Name on the spreadsheet for anyone that is an advisor/chaperone/parent: Example - Jessica ADULT.

- Please do not add any punctuation in any of the columns (ex. Dashes, apostrophes, hyphens, etc.).
- Please check your arrival/departure dates. A common mistake is to give dates from the previous year or give the correct dates, but the wrong year.
- If the form is filled out incorrectly or incomplete, it will be forwarded back to you to fix and added back to the end of the queue for processing when the corrected form is received.
- Please do not send any changes until after you have received a confirmation list from the hotel.
- The last date to submit changes is March 9th, 2026.
- Full payment for rooms prior to arrival will help cut down the check in process. If full payment is not sent prior to arrival, it is due at the time of check in. No keys will be given until payment is confirmed.
- Payments should be made payable to and mailed to:  
 Sheraton Greensboro  
 3121 West Gate City Blvd.  
 Attn: Karen Benjamin - kbenjamin@sheratongreensboro.com (for changes and questions)  
 Greensboro, NC 27407

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Chapters may submit full payment for their hotel reservations using one of the following options:

- **Check Payment** - Check payments are required up to two (2) weeks before arrival (March 2nd, 2026). If providing a check payment onsite, a credit card will still be required at check-in. Please contact the hotel directly to confirm the payment process for checks.
- **Credit Card Payment** - Credit card payments can be provided on-site during hotel check-in. If the credit card being used is not in the name of the person who reserved the rooms, a Credit Card Authorization Form is required to be submitted up to two (2) weeks before arrival (March 2nd, 2026). Please contact the hotel directly to request this form and confirm the form submission process.

NC FCCLA is not responsible for providing hotel reservation confirmations, payment assistance, and/or confirmation of payment received for hotel accommodations.

## DATES & DEADLINES

### FEBRUARY 15, 2026

- Conference registration deadline
- Hotel Reservation Deadline
- Cancellation and/or Refund Request Deadline

### MARCH 2, 2026

- Substitution and Name Change Deadline
  - Invoice Payment Deadline
- Invoices with an outstanding balance after this deadline will receive a \$25 late payment fee per invoice.

## DRESS CODE

The following dress code policies have been reviewed and approved by the NC FCCLA Board of Directors. Attendees must be in the official dress code to attend general sessions, breakout sessions, workshops, exhibitors, and any other NC FCCLA event where the official dress code is listed as the official dress.

### YOUTH ATTENDEE

- Red, White, or Black Polo or collared Button-Up Shirt  
Attendees may choose the sleeve length, short or long, they are comfortable with
- Black Pants or Skirt  
Skirts must be knee length or longer  
Dresses are no longer an approved dress code option
- Black Professional Shoes
- The official red blazer is not required for the State Leadership Conference, but they are welcomed.
- Jeans, pajamas, leggings, and athletic wear are not acceptable.

### ADULT ATTENDEE

- Business Professional  
Attire should foster a polished and sophisticated appearance suitable for a professional setting.
- Jeans, pajamas, leggings, and athletic wear are not acceptable.

**Advisers are expected to review dress code requirements with attendees before events and ensure that attendees wear the proper dress code while at the event.** Youth and adult attendees who do not adhere to the posted dress code will not be permitted to enter sessions, workshops, exhibits, or any other NC FCCLA event. Competitive Event participants not adhering to the dress code for the event. Competitive Event participants not adhering to the dress code may lose points, as stated on the Point Summary Form of the scoring rubrics, and will not be permitted to receive on-stage recognition.

## RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Chapters, advisers, and members have several opportunities to receive recognition at the State Leadership Conference.

### CHAPTER

#### PARADE OF FLAGS

Chapter flags serve as a symbol for the chapter, representing the chapter's purpose and resolve, the history and future, and telling a story based on the chosen colors, design, and graphics used to create the flag or banner. Chapters will get to select one member to proudly display their chapter flag as they walk across the stage during the Opening Session of the conference.

**Chapters who wish to participate must select the "Parade of Chapter Flags" add-on item during registration by the posted deadline. They should register this add-on under the individual that will be representing the chapter.** There is no fee to participate in this opportunity.

#### GO FOR THE RED MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Chapters are challenged to "Go For The Red" to increase chapter membership as part of the National FCCLA Membership Campaign. Chapters that increase their membership by 10, 15, or 20 members from the previous year will be recognized at the State Leadership Conference on screen. To be considered for this award, chapters must have a full affiliation status (affiliation submitted and invoices paid) by March 1st, 2026.

Chapters affiliating with the Unlimited or 100% Middle-Level Affiliation package and brand-new chapters will not be eligible for this recognition. Pending or unsubmitted members do not count toward the chapter's increase.

#### AWARD LEVELS

- Bronze - Eligible chapters that increased membership by 10.
- Silver - Eligible chapters that increased membership by 15.
- Gold - Eligible chapters that increased membership by 20.

Recognized chapters are encouraged to submit an application to receive National recognition and be entered to win one of the three \$200 cash prizes, in the FCCLA Portal by April 1st.

#### NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNLIMITED & 100% MIDDLE-LEVEL AFFILIATIONS

Unlimited and 100% Middle-Level chapters have their very own chance to shine in a special \$500 raffle through National FCCLA! Here's how to get in on the action:

- Recruit and help affiliate at least one brand-new FCCLA chapter.
- Each new chapter you bring in equals one raffle entry for your chapter.
- Make sure the new chapter is fully affiliated (note pending) by April 1st.
- Entries close April 1st so we can celebrate and recognize winners on time!

It's that simple, recruit a chapter, grow FCCLA, and your chapter could walk away with \$500! One lucky chapter will be randomly selected to win \$500! Advisers can apply for the Go For The Red Unlimited Award under the Go For The Red Unlimited Application section of the Surveys/Applications tab within the Adviser Portal.

#### NATIONAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AWARDS

FCCLA offers eight (8) peer-to-peer educational programs to help students develop real-world skills for life within FCS education.

Chapters that complete projects signed with one of these National Programs can receive recognition at the state and national levels. Eligible National Programs include Career Connection, Community Service, FACTS, Families First, Financial Fitness, Stand Up, and Student Body.

To receive recognition, chapters must submit a National Program Award Application in the FCCLA portal by March 2nd, 2026. To receive on-stage recognition at the State Leadership Conference, chapters must submit their project information as a 'Program Award Application', not the 'Project Summary Only' application in the FCCLA Portal. Submission of the 'Program Award Application' will also be eligible for national recognition.

*Note: NC FCCLA does not provide cash awards for National Program Award Application submissions. The National FCCLA provides cash awards.*

## CHAPTER IMAGE AWARD

During the conference, a chapter whose entire attending delegation demonstrates the values of FCCLA in their clothing and conduct during all sessions and activities will be selected. The selected chapter will be recognized during the closing and recognition session.

## ADVISER

### ADVISER MENTOR AWARD

This award recognizes advisers who have successfully achieved Master Adviser recognition, devoted two (2) years to new adviser assistance, assumed adult leadership roles in FCCLA, conducted adviser workshops, attended training workshops, and used national and state FCCLA resources.

Advisers may self-nominate for this award. Nominations may also be submitted by other teacher educators, local Family and Consumer Sciences supervisors, state advisers, professional colleagues, or an FCCLA member. Nominations must be submitted by March 2nd in the FCCLA Portal with a link to three (3) letters of recommendation.

Award recipients will receive on-stage recognition at the State and National Leadership Conferences.

### SPIRIT OF ADVISING AWARD

This award recognizes one (1) chapter adviser who is consistently faithful, often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of their students. This adviser believes in the mission of FCCLA, supports and works with students to ensure success, provides learning experiences, encourages positive character development, dedicates time and energy to nurturing student leaders, and serves as a current FCCLA adviser.

Advisers may self-nominate for this award. Nominations may also be submitted by other teacher educators, local Family and Consumer Sciences supervisors, state advisers, professional colleagues, or an FCCLA member. Nominations must be submitted using this [Google Form](#) by March 1st.

One adviser will be selected to receive this award. The award recipient will receive on-stage recognition at the State and National Leadership Conference.

## MEMBER

### STATE/NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

Youth members who submitted an application, met the eligibility requirements to run as a State/National Officer Candidate and moved forward as a candidate from the applicant status will be recognized throughout the conference. Candidates will be introduced to the delegation during the Opening Session, they will present their speeches during the Business & Recognition Session, and meet and network with Voting Delegates. If elected, candidates will be

inducted into their role as state officers and the position they will serve during the Closing & Recognition Session. National Officer candidates will be notified of their continuation in the NOC process.

## VOTING DELEGATES

Voting delegates serve an important role at the State Leadership Conference. They are active participants during the business portion of the Business & Recognition Session and serve as the chapter's voice during the State/National Officer Elections at the conference. Voting delegates will receive a special name badge ribbon at registration check-in.

Per the NC FCCLA Bylaws, chapters will receive one (1) voting delegate for state officer elections. The number of voting delegates provided for all other matters is determined by the chapter affiliation numbers as of March 1st.

- 1-12 members = 1 voting delegate
- 12-24 members = 2 voting delegates
- 25-36 members = 3 voting delegates
- 37-48 members = 4 voting delegates
- 49+ members = 5 voting delegates

The privilege of making motions, discussion, and voting shall be limited to the voting delegates and the state officers. Delegates are entitled to vote only if they are present at the time of sign-in. The privilege of discussion may be extended to non-voting representatives upon the consent of the delegates. Each voting delegate may only vote once.

## POWER OF ONE NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOGNITION

The Power of One National Program helps members to find and use their personal power to set their own goals, work to achieve them, and enjoy the results. Individual youth members seeking recognition must complete all five (5) Power of One units and submit the Five Unit Recognition Application to their chapter adviser. For recognition, advisers must submit all eligible students and a link to the completed form(s) for their chapter in the FCCLA portal by March 1st.

NC FCCLA will provide on-stage recognition and a Power of One Pin at the State Leadership Conference. National FCCLA will provide on-screen recognition throughout the National Leadership Conference.

## COMPETITIVE EVENT RECOGNITION

Competitive events promote the FCCLA Mission to focus on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader. Events are designed to help members showcase college and career ready knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Certificates are presented on stage for top-placing State-Level Events. A downloadable certificate will be available for all State-Level Event participants following the conference for download by the adviser.

Medals are given for STAR Event individual or team participation based on the participant's overall event score (Gold, Silver or Bronze). Advisers will receive medals to distribute to their participants at the close of the Closing & Recognition Session.

If medals are not picked up at the conclusion of the Closing & Recognition Session, NC FCCLA will mail medals to the individual chapters. Chapters will be billed the cost for shipping and handling. Once that invoice is paid, medals will be mailed. If invoices are not paid by the invoice due date, chapters will forfeit their medals.

On-stage recognition and special event seating will be given to participants who scored in the Top 5 Highest Scorers for their event and level. Participants will receive an email before the Closing & Recognition Session if they are placed in the Top 5. National qualifiers will receive a plaque. Generally, first and second place entries for each event and level will be recognized as the national qualifying entries to represent NC FCCLA during Competitive Events at the National Leadership Conference.

We are excited to expand opportunities for students to participate in the National Leadership Conference through Competitive Events! The top three (3) individual participants and/or teams from each level for the following events will be recognized as national qualifying entries to represent NC FCCLA duties at the Competitive Events at the National Leadership Conference.

- Career Investigation
- Focus on Children
- Job Interview
- Leadership
- Say Yes to FCS Education
- Sustainability Challenge
- Teach or Train

## CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

The information below is to assist advisers in the planning and preparation to attend the State Leadership Conference. Specific details, including time, title, and location, may change. A final agenda will be provided to advisers via email before the conference, and again during check-in at the conference.

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION	AUDIENCE
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 16</b>				
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	CTSO EXPERIENCE - MODULE 5	AUDITORIUM 3	MODULE PARTICIPANTS
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN	REG DESK 5	ADVISERS
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	YOUTH & ADVISER SESSIONS	COLONY A/B/C	MEMBERS/ADVISERS
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	SOC/NOC CHECK-IN & ON-SITE ORIENTATION	TBD	SOC/NOC
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	CE KNOWLEDGE TESTS & CASE STUDIES	COLONY A	EVENT PARTICIPANTS
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	ROOM CONSULTANT TRAINING	AUDITORIUM 3	ROOM CONSULTANTS
		VOTING DELEGATE ORIENTATION	AUDITORIUM 2	VOTING DELEGATES
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	STATE-LEVEL CAREER CLUSTER CHALLENGES	TBD	EVENT PARTICIPANTS
4:30 PM	6:30 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN		
6:30 PM	6:45 PM	CHAPTER FLAGS CHECK-IN	GUILFORD ABC	CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	OPENING SESSION <i>DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM</i>	GUILFORD ABC	ALL ATTENDEES
11:00 PM		CONFERENCE CURFEW		ALL ATTENDEES
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 17</b>				
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	NC FCCLA STORE SPECIAL HOURS <i>THIS TIME IS OPEN TO ONLY OUR REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS</i>	TBD	VOLUNTEERS
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	ROOM CONSULTANT CHECK-IN	VICTORIA WING	ROOM CONSULTANTS
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN	VARIOUS	CE JUDGE VOLUNTEERS
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	COMPETITIVE EVENTS	VARIOUS	EVENT PARTICIPANTS
		NC FCCLA STORE	TBD	ALL ATTENDEES
		BUSINESS & COLLEGE EXPO		ALL ATTENDEES
VARIES		CE VOLUNTEER LUNCH <i>STAGGERED</i>	GRANDOVER	VOLUNTEERS
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	SOC/NOC NETWORKING	TBD	SOC/NOC/VOTING DELEGATES
5:00 PM	6:30 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN		
6:30 PM	7:30 PM	BUSINESS & RECOGNITION SESSION <i>DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM</i>	GUILFORD	ALL ATTENDEES
7:30 PM	7:45 PM	SOC/NOC ELECTIONS	BLANDWOOD	VOTING DELEGATES
8:00 PM	10:00 PM	SLC AFTER PARTY - REGISTRATION REQ'D	THE MAIN EVENT	REGISTERED ATTENDEES
11:00 PM		CONFERENCE CURFEW		ALL ATTENDEES
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18</b>				
8:00 AM		TOP FINALISTS NOTIFIED		
		TOP FINALISTS REPORT TO CLOSING SESSION		
9:00 AM	9:20 AM	<i>MUST SHOW EMAIL - ONLY FINALISTS ALLOWED IF THE FINALIST IS NOT SAT BY 9:20AM THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE ON STAGE RECOGNITION</i>	GRANDOVER	FINALISTS
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	CLOSING & RECOGNITION SESSION <i>DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM</i>	GRANDOVER	
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	MEDAL PICK-UP	REG DESK 5	ADVISERS
		NLC ADVISER SESSION	AUDITORIUM 2	NATIONAL QUALIFIER ADVISER
		NC FCCLA STORE	TBD	ALL ATTENDEES
		BLAZER RENTAL STORE	TBD	ALL ATTENDEES
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	CTSO EXPERIENCE - MODULE 5	AUDITORIUM 3	MODULE PARTICIPANTS
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	CONFERENCE BREAKDOWN	VARIOUS	STAFF/SEC

## COMPETITIVE EVENT INFORMATION

Through participation in Competitive Events, FCCLA members acquire industry insights and employable skills required to thrive in the 21st century. Members can select from various Competitive Events that employ skills and knowledge learned through Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education. Competing at state and national levels enables members to explore Career Pathways and address significant personal, work, and societal issues.

Competitive Events align with FCCLA's mission to concentrate on multiple roles, including family member, wage earner, and community leader. Each event is curated to help members develop specific lifelong skills in character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

The foundation of these events is the belief that anyone can succeed, and participation will equip students for life after high school.

## EVENT OPPORTUNITIES AT SLC

NC FCCLA provides two Competitive Event opportunities for members at the State Leadership Conference: State-Level Challenge Events and STAR Events. Members may only compete in one (1) event at the conference.

### STATE-LEVEL - CAREER CLUSTER CHALLENGES

We will host our Fall Leadership Meeting State-Level Events at our State Leadership Conference! We will host our Career Cluster Challenges specifically focusing on the Career Clusters offered with FCS and FCCLA. These Career Cluster Challenges are on-site events designed to give members engaging, no-preparation opportunities to explore different career clusters. Each challenge focuses on one of the six career clusters; Arts & Design, Hospitality & Tourism, Financial Services, Education & Training, Human Services and Public Services. As an addition to the challenges from the Fall Leadership Meeting, these challenges will also incorporate questions regarding FCCLA.

Participants will:

- Test their knowledge with a multiple-choice quiz on the selected career and FCCLA general knowledge.
- Apply their skills by responding, in writing, to a real-world case study related to the cluster.

The test will be scored first, the case study will only be graded in the event that there is a tie for one of the top placing positions. These events allow members to experience the breadth of FCCLA's career connections while practicing critical thinking, problem solving, and written communication skills. Students need to provide their own device to take the test. It must be fully charged and must be a laptop style device. (No phones or ipads can be used.) Students must log into the wifi that is provided when they check in based on their room information. Please make sure students are ready with this prior to arriving for the Career Cluster Challenges to help everything run smoothly.



## STAR EVENTS

Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events offer individual skill development and application of learning through cooperation, individualized, and competitive activities.

At the 2026 State Leadership Conference, the following STAR Events will be offered:

- Career Investigation
- Chapter in Review Display
- Chapter in Review Portfolio
- Chapter Service Project Display
- Chapter Service Project Portfolio
- Early Childhood Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Event Management
- Fashion Construction
- Fashion Design
- Focus on Children
- Food Innovations
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Interior Design
- Interpersonal Communications
- Job Interview
- Leadership
- National Programs in Action
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Professional Presentation
- Promote and Publicize FCCLA
- Public Policy Advocate
- Repurpose and Redesign
- Say Yes to FCS Education
- Sports Nutrition
- Sustainability Challenge
- Teach or Train
- Teaching Strategies

NC FCCLA will adopt the National FCCLA event guidelines and scoring rubrics. Specific event guidelines and event information can be found under the 'Resources' tab in the FCCLA Portal. Except for the Online Orientation and Online Summary Form Submission processes.

## EVENT POLICIES

### EVENT ENTRY DESCRIPTIONS AND LEVELS

Individual events evaluate one member's performance. Team events evaluate several participants' or a chapter's performance as one entry. Team events may have one (1), two (2), or three (3) participants from the same chapter, except for Parliamentary Procedure, which may have four (4) to eight (8) participants from the same chapter.

The participant's grade in school determines entry into a particular level during the year of their current membership and, in some cases, enrollment in a specific course or program, as outlined in the event eligibility section for each event.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
Up to 8th Grade	9th - 10th Grade	11th - 12th Grade

- A team composed of members of **mixed grade levels** (through grade 12) must enter the level of the highest participant member's grade level.
- Team events that are only for Level 2 or Level 3 may **not include** members in Level 1.
- Team events that are only for Level 3 may **not include** members in Level 1 or Level 2.

## FINAL PARTICIPATION SCHEDULES

Chapter advisers will receive a copy of the final Competitive Event schedules for registered participants during the conference registration check-in. Changing schedules with other participants is not permitted. Participants are required to be available during the time their event takes place. Do not schedule other activities during these periods. Once competition schedules are distributed, changes will not be made for any scheduling conflicts.

Chapter advisers will pick up all Competitive Event registration materials and distribute them to their Competitive Event participants. At the registration check-in, the chapter adviser will;

- Confirm participant attendance and no shows.
- Receive participant information, including participation times, specific event materials, recognition session information, and name badge ribbons.
- Acknowledge receipt of materials.

Any materials not picked up and signed for during the specific registration check-in time(s) will result in point deductions on the Point Summary Form for each Competitive Event entry. Participants will still be eligible to compete at their scheduled time. Materials will not be available for pickup during normal conference hours. Questions regarding Competitive Events will be handled at the registration desk only.

## TESTING, CASE STUDIES, & EVENT SCENARIOS

### STATE-LEVEL CAREER CLUSTER CHALLENGES

Participants competing in one of the State-Level Career Cluster Challenge events will complete their event test on-site per the event agenda. After the registration deadline, more information with specific testing instructions will be emailed to registered participants and advisers.

### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE STAR EVENT TEST

Participants competing the Parliamentary Procedure STAR Event will complete the event test on-site per the event agenda. After the registration deadline, more information with specific testing instructions will be emailed to registered participants and advisers. Participants will be given time to complete the event planning portion as part of their presentation on the day of the competition.

### STAR EVENT CASE STUDIES

Participants competing in the events listed below will complete the coordinating case study per the event agenda. Participants must be present during this time to complete the case study, or they will receive zero points on the Point Summary Form. More information will be emailed to registered participants and their advisers with specific instructions after the registration deadline.

- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Interpersonal Communications
- Promote and Publicize FCCLA

The following events will follow the presentation times shown on their competitive event schedules, as they will be given time to complete their case study as part of their presentation time on the day of the competition.

- Early Childhood Education

## SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, & ELECTRICAL ACCESS

Participants must bring all needed supplies for the competition. This includes presentation materials, easels, etc. Access to an electrical outlet will not be provided unless required for a participant classified under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This request must be made during the registration process. Participants are encouraged to bring fully charged devices for presentations, as allowed per event guidelines.

## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

FCCLA members with disabilities who are appropriately identified by a valued team of professionals (such as an IEP team, Section 504 coordinator, certified psychologist, physician, etc.) will be reasonably accommodated in state events. Participants who require accommodation during the conference and in their event should indicate a special needs request during registration. A state staff member will contact the adviser to determine the best accommodations for the participant.

## COMPETITION DISCLAIMERS

Each participant is responsible for reading the event guidelines. NC FCCLA is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, or not received entry. The participants are responsible for reading the state association's information for competition.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualification is unfortunate for participants, advisers, and event managers. To avoid unnecessary disappointment, keep in mind the four causes of disqualification.

- Failure to affiliate with National FCCLA headquarters by the registration deadline. Only affiliated members may register for the conference and Competitive Events.
- Failure to arrive promptly for the event presentation. Participants are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled event presentation and may be disqualified if they are more than 15 minutes late.
- Participation of students or adults in behavior that negatively affects the management of Competitive Events or failure to display a positive image of FCCLA before, during, or after participation in Competitive Events. This may disqualify students or adults and their eligibility to participate the following year.
- Failure to register for the conference and follow payment and published housing policies. All participants must be registered for the conference and have made a complete payment toward their registration by the payment deadline or upon check-in at the conference.

## STATE CONTACTS

If you have questions or concerns with information in this resource or general questions or concerns regarding the Culinary Competition, please submit them to state staff or one of the listed volunteers below.

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