GETTING STARTED WITH

TEXAS FCCLA

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To Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Addressed:

We are delighted that you are interested in affiliating a Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter in your school. This organization is considered an integral part of the Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum and offers students leadership opportunities, cooperation skills and decision-making skills all related to the family. FCCLA also provides community service activities tied to service learning in many areas. There are numerous programs/projects identified by the state officers available for student participation. Each of these programs are tied to a curriculum area and provide avenues for learning, service and recognition. These programs are all identified on the national website, www.fcclainc.org. Many resources and lesson plans are available from national headquarters. Additionally, Texas information is available on the Texas FCCLA website, www.texasfccla.org

State statistics prove that students enrolled in career and technology classes and involved in youth organizations score higher on the Texas standardized tests than students that are not enrolled. This coupled with life skills and leadership opportunities provided to our members help them become productive, well-rounded, contributing members of society.

Region and state officers are required to provide assistance to newly formed chapters. If you would like this assistance, please let me know and we will assign someone to work with you. We will be glad to do whatever will benefit you and your students. We also provide fall leadership workshops in which local members may participate. The dates and locations are posted on the Texas FCCLA website. We encourage you to participate in one of these. If you would like to host a meeting for your students, we can also arrange officers to assist.

In addition to these meetings, we offer training at region, state and national conferences where students can compete in competitive events or gain skills from concurrent sessions on topics identified by the youth. Student recognition is given to those that participate in many of our projects.

If you need additional resources or suggestions for getting started, please do not hesitate to call me at (512) 306-0099 or e-mail me at jcappers@texasfccla.org. Also let us know if you would like a mentor this year. Congratulations on taking the first step in organizing a chapter. We will do whatever it takes to help your students reap the benefits from being a part of our youth-run organization.

Sincerely,

Jared

Jared Cappers, State Advisor
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

Enclosure
National FCCLA New Advisor Handbook
This handbook offers valuable insight for new and potential chapter advisors in the areas of chapter management, competitive events, advisor roles and benefits, and basic FCCLA information.
https://fcclainc.org/sites/default/files/Adviser%20Handbook%202020.pdf

National FCCLA Membership Handbook
This resource helps you recruit, retain, and recognize your chapter members. It can be accessed here: https://www.texasfccla.org/chapter-resources

Texas FCCLA Chapter Handbook
This resources provides basic FCCLA information for the year. It can be accessed here: https://www.texasfccla.org/chapter-resources

Region & State Bylaws
These can be accessed here: https://www.texasfccla.org/about-us

Texas FCCLA Dress Code
All members must be in official dress at all region and state conferences and events. Please note that the national FCCLA dress code for all members will be the official red FCCLA blazer.
https://www.texasfccla.org/dress-code
Square Two: Request a Mentor

If you would like a mentor, please complete the following Google form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbTKSZvGRF8Sz5zqoWe1MHUcZeL5lN
Z5Wffj90RYXi82cJuw/viewform
Square Three: Set up Your Chapter and Recruit

Set up chapter Bylaws, elect chapter officers, plan the year's activities for your chapter, and recruit new members.

Membership recruitment week is September 14 - 18, 2020. Visit this page for the week's themes and activities:

https://www.texasfccla.org/membership-1
Square Four: Affiliate

The Basics:

- State dues are $7 and national dues are $9 for a total of $16 per person.
- The minimum chapter size is 12 members.

How to Affiliate:

- Follow this link to log-in to the national affiliation portal or to request a new chapter: [http://affiliation.registermychapter.com/fccla](http://affiliation.registermychapter.com/fccla)
- Affiliation for the new school year opens at the beginning of August
- Affiliation Deadlines: chapter member names must be electronically submitted on or before **November 1**; payment must be posted in the system by **November 15**
Square Five: Register for Competitive Events and Region Conferences

Overview of Rules

- STAR and Proficiency Event competition takes place at the five region conferences. If entries place in the top 5 and receive a minimum score of 60, they will advance to state competition. The top 2 in each event (except Culinary Arts) will advance to national competition. Only the first place team in Culinary Arts advances to national competition.
- Members will compete in the Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 category depending on their grade.
- A chapter's size determines the number of competitive event entries allowed. Please review the chart here: https://www.texasfccla.org/competitive-events

Review all of the Texas FCCLA Competitive Event Guidelines (updated in mid-September each year), located here: https://www.texasfccla.org/competitive-events

Register for competitive events and the region/state conferences here: https://webportal.registermychapter.com/pickconf/FCCLA/TX/428
Deadlines and Calendars

- The Texas FCCLA Calendar of Events and Deadline Calendar can be found here: https://www.texasfccla.org/calendar

Important Deadlines

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- Competitive Event Registration Deadline: mailed payment must be postmarked by December 1, 2020. Online credit card payment must be submitted and received in the system by 11:59 p.m. CST on December 1, 2020.
- Conference Early Registration Deadlines: please see the deadline calendar (link above).

Other Events

- Summer Summits: these are day-long trainings for local FCCLA advisors and officers. Learn about the organization and about being a dynamic advisor and local officer. Find more information here: https://www.texasfccla.org/summer-summits
- Fall Leadership Workshops: https://www.texasfccla.org/fall-leadership-workshops-1
- Peer Education Training: a weekend event in the fall for members to learn how to educate their peers about FCCLA National Programs. https://www.texasfccla.org/peereducation
Programs

Power of One
Power of one helps students find and use their personal power. Members set their own goals, work to achieve them, and enjoy the results. https://www.texasfccla.org/power-of-one

Spotlight on Projects
Members create a display board for a project they completed. Conference attendees will vote and evaluators will score the top projects at the Region conferences. The top projects will advance to the State conference. https://www.texasfccla.org/spotlight-on-projects-1

Family & Consumer Sciences Assessments (FCSAs)
These are objective tests given at Fall Leadership Workshops, Region conferences, and the State conference. FCCLA members may take the tests at all events, but may only take one test at each. https://www.texasfccla.org/fcsa
Awards and Recognition

Chapters and advisors may apply for awards or nominate community members. Please review the awards here: https://www.texasfccla.org/nominate

National FCCLA Awards:
https://fcclainc.org/lead/advisers/awards

Running for Office

Each chapter may have one officer candidate. Chapters with more than 50 affiliated members may have two officer candidates. Any member from a chapter meeting the candidate requirements may run for office. Region, state and national officers serve the members and carry out plans for the year. Officers must commit to carrying out their responsibilities and attending required events. For more information and the officer candidate application, follow this link: https://www.texasfccla.org/run-for-office
Scholarships

Texas FCCLA awards over $1.9 million in scholarships each year.

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Any graduating senior FCCLA member for the current year may apply for scholarships. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2021. Follow this link for requirements and applications: https://www.texasfccla.org/scholarships

Competitive Event Scholarships

A number of scholarships are awarded to competitive event participants. Please review the list located in the resources section of the Texas FCCLA Competitive Event Guidelines here: https://www.texasfccla.org/competitive-events
Resources

- Texas FCCLA Website: www.texasfccla.org
- National FCCLA Website: www.fcclainc.org
- Texas FCCLA Advisors Resource Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3-4NuvQZDHvOWdkU2Q0NIk0U3c
- Texas FCCLA App: download in the app store or Google play
- Region and State
  Bylaws/Constitution: https://www.texasfccla.org/about-us
- Texas FCCLA Dress Code: https://www.texasfccla.org/dress-code
- Region Map and List of Counties: https://www.texasfccla.org/membership-1

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