



# Grow Your Own Through FCCLA

FCCLA, a member of the National Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations is the Career and Technical Student Organization aligned to the Education and Training Career Cluster. FCCLA helps aspiring educators discover pathways in education through resources and programs aligned to industry certifications and national standards. FCCLA also prioritizes a "Grow Your Own" program to prepare future educators to fill the teacher pipeline as well as build fulfilling careers in education and training.

## Career Pathways

FCCLA is aligned to four career pathways, including Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism, Visual Arts and Design, and the Education Profession. Having a focus on a variety of career pathways allows members to acquire many skills to be college and career ready, employable, and expose students to work-based learning, business and industry networks, and industry-recognized certifications for an array of career opportunities.



## How Does FCCLA Prepare Future Teachers?

FCCLA members can gain skills that can help them become effective teachers, including:

### Classroom Management:

Members have the opportunity to participate in planning and executing group projects in Competitive Events, which require them to manage groups of people effectively. These skills are essential for creating a positive and productive learning environment.

### Curriculum Development:

FCCLA offers members opportunities to participate in events such as Teach or Train. Through these competitive events, members can learn how to create effective lesson plans that align with state and national standards and meet the needs of diverse learners.

### Interpersonal Communication:

Members have the opportunity to develop interpersonal communication skills through interactions with peers, community members, partners, and government officials. These skills are beneficial in effective lesson plan delivery and establishing positive relationships with students, parents, and colleagues.

### Leadership Development:

Members take on leadership roles, enabling them to develop essential skills for effective teaching, including communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and decision-making.



## Education and Training Competitive Events

FCCLA provides a comprehensive range of over 50 competitive events, all with components beneficial to the aspiring teacher. These events are scaffolded for middle school, high school and post-secondary members, meaning members interested in the teaching field can repeatedly return to build their skill set. The events below are specifically tied to education and training. **FCCLA is set to introduce three new education profession preparation events\* in the year 2024.**

STAR EVENTS		
Career Investigation Chapter Service Project Digital Stories for Change Early Childhood Education Entrepreneurship	Focus on Children Instructional Video Design Interpersonal Communications Job Interview Leadership	National Programs in Action Professional Presentation Public Policy Advocate Say Yes to FCS Education Teach or Train
SKILL DEMONSTRATION EVENTS		
Early Childhood Challenge Education and Training Challenge	#TeachFCS Technology in Teaching	Toys that Teach
EDUCATION PROFESSION PREPARATION EVENTS, 2024		
Teaching Strategies	Lesson Plan Development & Modification (Skill Demonstration Event)	RED Talks in Education (Online STAR Event)

## Awards and Scholarships

FCCLA provides a range of Awards and Scholarships to both individuals and chapters on an annual basis. State-level and membership-based scholarships aspiring teachers can gain from rich opportunities.

- \$23,500 in Program Awards
- \$16,500 in Youth Scholarships
- Over \$13 Million in Competitive Events Scholarships

## Financial Support

FCCLA offers various opportunities to mitigate the cost and enable all members to participate in the Ultimate Leadership Experience. Grow Your Own Programs in FCS can participate in the following:

- Chapter Affiliation Support Grants
- Chapter & Individual Grants
- National Leadership Conference Access Scholarships

## National Conferences and Leadership Development Opportunities

Every year, FCCLA hosts conferences that bring together FCCLA members, advisers, and supporters from across the nation to learn, compete, and network. FCCLA's conferences offer enriching experiences that provide attendees with the opportunity to hear from motivational speakers, attend rewarding workshops, connect with youth leaders, and develop skills for life.

### Capitol Leadership

This immersive event in Washington, D.C. provides students with in-depth advocacy training, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to communicate effectively with elected officials. Attendees network with other members and industry leaders, and advocate on Capitol Hill for issues related to Family and Consumer Sciences education. Attendance helps to develop advocacy skills necessary to support their programs.

### National Fall Conference

Members and advisers across the nation gather to network, expand their leadership skills, compete in Skill Demonstration Events, and explore National Programs and Career Pathways.

### Chapter Adviser Summit

Advisers receive up-to-date professional development training, share ideas, and network with other chapter advisers from across the nation.

### National Leadership Conference

The National Leadership Conference is the premier annual event of FCCLA, drawing over **8,500** attendees from across the nation. Members and advisers converge to engage in comprehensive leadership training, compete in various Competitive Events, attend training with a focus on programs that support the Grow Your Own Programs and attend a wide range of educational workshops and sessions.