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## August

- Form membership committee.
- Committee and chapter leaders meet to plan membership efforts for year.
- Set membership goal.
- Committee prepares membership recruitment campaign.

## September

- Conduct a membership recruitment campaign to sign up returning and new members.
- Chapter leaders speak in Family and Consumer Sciences classes.
- Hold first meeting(s) to build the chapter and consider the year's program of work.
- Affiliate online at [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org).
- Download the new Competitive Events Guide and help students choose events and start projects.
- Check the FCCLA website for the latest national program information, recognition opportunities, and deadlines.
- Chapter prepares fundraising plans for upcoming National Cluster Meeting.
- Attend Capitol Leadership Training.

## October

- Sponsor a special event, celebration, or trip for paid members.
- Conduct a hands-on chapter project created and carried out by a majority of members.
- Extend personal invitations to students who have not yet joined the chapter.
- Attend a district/region or state leadership event.

## November

- Attend a National Cluster Meeting.
- Chapter leaders speak in a Family and Consumer Sciences class.
- Submit additional member names and dues payments.
- Continue to involve members in projects that build the chapter's image in the school and community.

## December

- Celebrate the chapter team with service projects and a social event. Invite potential members to attend and join the chapter.
- Set up a gift exchange activity for Family and Consumer Sciences students who have not yet joined the chapter. Present small gifts throughout the month. Just before holiday break, reveal that gifts are from FCCLA chapter, which offers many more "gifts" and rewards all year long.

## January

- Conduct a New Year's membership campaign to sign up new members.
- Chapter leaders present to a second semester Family and Consumer Sciences class.
- Start the year right with an exciting chapter meeting and more hands-on chapter projects created and carried out by a majority of members.
- Check the FCCLA website for the latest national program information, recognition opportunities, available scholarships and deadlines.



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## February

- Submit additional member names and dues payment.
- Encourage people to join the chapter during National FCCLA Week and CTE Month.
- Continue to involve members in projects that build the chapter's image in the school and community.
- Check the FCCLA website for deadlines and prepare award applications for recognition in FCCLA national programs.

## March

- Chapter leaders speak in Family and Consumer Sciences class.
- Chapter leaders speak to younger students who are preparing to sign up for next year's classes.
- Conduct a hands-on chapter project created and carried out by a majority of members.
- Submit FCCLA national program award applications electronically for recognition by March 1.
- Submit additional member names and dues payments.

## April

- Continue to involve members in projects that build the chapter's image in the school and community.
- Participate in the state meeting (March–May).
- Apply for various scholarships by April 1; check the FCCLA website for current information.
- Submit Summary report forms electronically for recognition by April 1.
- Submit application for membership campaign awards by April 1.

## May

- Host a chapter recognition event and invite parents, administrators, supporters, and potential members.
- Evaluate the year's accomplishments and record suggestions for future chapter success.
- Make plans to carry the chapter through the summer and into next year.
- Submit final member names and dues payments no later than May 31.
- Make sure dues for all members trying to reach national STAR Events are sent no later than May 1.

## June-July

- Chapter leaders pursue leadership training by enrolling in the FCCLA Leadership Academy and start planning for next year.
- Participate in local events to publicize and promote FCCLA!
- Celebrate with other leaders at the National Leadership Conference.