



Frequently Asked Questions



1. **Instead of creating a freestanding or tabletop display, can I create a PowerPoint presentation as my display?** No.
2. **If my project's product is too large to transport to competition, can we provide photos instead of bringing the product to competition?** No, the product must be present at competition for appropriate evaluation.
3. **If using something other than PowerPoint for an electronic portfolio, how do I count "slides?"** A slide is defined as a single slide in PowerPoint, or a single path/transition in another format, such as Prezi. If using a website, information presented in one screen view would be considered one slide.
4. **Can I provide 3 laptops/iPads/devices in my presentation, one for each evaluator?** No, only one device may be used to present an electronic portfolio. Nothing may be handed to the evaluators.
5. **Can slides be of any color?** Yes, but not all color choices may be appropriate for legibility and viewing.
6. **Can I use a remote to advance electronic slides?** Yes. Pointers or props may not be allowed in your event.
7. **Can a student turn in both a hardcopy and present their portfolio in a PowerPoint?** No. Students must choose one type of portfolio format. For hardcopy portfolios, visuals may be used to support, illustrate, or complement the presentation, if allowed in the event. If using a laptop or tablet as a visual (where allowed) along with a hardcopy portfolio, it may not be used to present information intended to be included in the portfolio.
8. **If a member graduates in December, are they still eligible to compete in STAR Events?** School districts set eligibility requirements for participation in local FCCLA chapter activities, including STAR Events. Upon local and/or state eligibility determination, any nationally affiliated member may participate in STAR Events, based upon individual event eligibility criteria.
9. **Can a member compete in both an online STAR Event and another STAR Event?** No. They may only compete in one STAR Event in any given year.
10. **Are participants required to use manila folders from the FCCLA supplier?** No. For the 2018-2019 school year, the file folder with the line for "National Region" will still be available from the FCCLA Store, and may be used by chapters. No point deduction for using or providing national region should be assessed. For the 2019-2020 school year, points will not be fully earned if any additional information is included on any file folder used in competition.
11. **Can students use FCCLA copyrighted material in STAR Events projects?** Yes, as long as the project is not used for commercial purposes or sold. All FCCLA resources must be cited appropriately.
12. **In an event with file folder, does it matter what color they are?** No.
13. **In portfolio events, are content divider pages required?** If the event specifications give a range of pages/slides, such as 0 – 9, then a participant may have zero divider pages, and not be penalized. Please note that evaluators may include lack of dividers as they determine point allocations in the event rubric, related to portfolio appearance and organization.
14. **Can content pages have graphics or decorations?** Yes, any page that does not specify to use plain paper may have graphic or decorative elements.
15. **Is a font considered a graphic?** If the font is a graphic font, then it is a graphic. Unless specified, fonts may be in any color.
16. **Do we have to use the FCCLA templates provided, or can we retype it on our own computer?** The template provided can be modified but all of the information, including headings, must be used in the correct order on any document created and remain within the page limits given in event specifications. The logos are encouraged but are not required.

17. **Can an iPad be used in place of note cards?** Yes, as long as those devices are not used for recording, publishing, or receiving information during the presentation. They should be placed in airplane mode prior to the start of the event.
18. **How should we address budgets and evaluations when the project has not yet been completed at the time of regional/state competition?** For presentations prior to National Leadership Conference, participants should give the anticipated numbers (budgets). Evaluation plans should be presented in detail (evaluation methods, instruments, anticipated outcomes). This information should be updated for projects advancing to national competition. Projects are to be developed and completed within a one-year span beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the school year before National Leadership Conference.
19. **Is a digital photo frame/iPad/etc. used to display photos, considered a photo album?** If it is displaying multiple photos as a hardcopy album would, it would be considered a photo album.
20. **On the Project Identification Page, how should “event name” be listed? Should category be included?** Either “Career Investigation” or “Career Investigation – Junior” will be accepted as correct.
21. **Would a music stand be considered an easel?** If being used to “hold materials upright, usually during a presentation or display” then it would be considered an easel.
22. **If a participant places too many copies in a file folder, are penalty points assessed?** No. Additional materials should be removed and not considered in evaluation.
23. **Can we laminate pages?** Yes, but all laminated pages must still meet any size requirements as stated in event guidelines.
24. **If I have a multi-page document and place it in a sheet protector, is that counted as one content page?** Multiple pages within a sheet protector will count as more than one page, unless the sheet protector is sealed and only one page is able to be viewed.
25. **If there is an electrical outlet available, can we use it?** FCCLA will not prevent a student from using an outlet (if allowed in event guidelines), but access is not provided. Competition setup (location of tables, chairs, display area) will not be adjusted to accommodate electrical outlet usage.
26. **When should I submit the Online Project Summary Form?** This should be submitted prior to your first competition. If necessary, resubmit the form with updated information if needed.
27. **Can I reduce the size of the Online Project Summary Form for my display?** Yes, but it must remain legible and easily read by the event consultant.
28. **Is the Event Online Orientation available for all levels of competition (regional, district, state)?** The online orientation is required for students competing at the 2018 National Leadership Conference. Each entry must complete and submit the STAR Events Online Orientation form to the event room consultant at the time of competition. The forms are not to be included within a portfolio, or placed on a display. Forms are accepted at the time of completion, and not during or after the presentation. Only one form per entry (team or participant) is required. States may choose to require an onsite orientation or may develop an online orientation. Please confirm state procedures with your state adviser.
29. **Are accommodations made for special needs students?** FCCLA members with disabilities as properly identified by a valued team of professionals (such as an IEP team, Section 504 coordinator, certified psychologist, physician) will be reasonably accommodated in national events. Participants who require accommodation in their event should indicate a special needs request during the national event registration. A national staff member will contact the adviser to determine the best process for the participant. For regional/district/state competitions, please contact the state adviser.
30. **Can a senior or occupational member compete on a team with a postsecondary participant?** No.