



STAR Events Volunteer Handbook

Job Interview





STAR EVENTS Job Interview

Job Interview, an *individual event*, recognizes participants who use Family and Consumer Sciences and/or related occupations skills to develop a *portfolio*, participate in an interview, and communicate a personal understanding of job requirements. Participants must prepare a *portfolio*, including a **job application**, and express their communication skills and job knowledge through an **interview**.

EVENT CATEGORIES

Senior: grades 10–12

Occupational: grades 10–12

See page 85 for more information on event categories.

STANDARDS ALIGNMENTS

See STAR Events Resources Page for detailed event alignment information to national educational initiatives and standards.

CAREER CLUSTERS

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

PROCEDURES & TIME REQUIREMENTS

1. Each participant will submit a *portfolio* (*hardcopy* or *electronic*) to the event room consultant at the designated participation time. A job application must be completed and included in the *portfolio*. Download the form from the STAR Events Resources page of the FCCLA national website.
 
2. Room consultants and evaluators will have 15 minutes to preview the *portfolio* (*hardcopy* or *electronic*). The participant must make the *electronic portfolio* accessible to evaluators.
3. The interview **may be up to** 20 minutes in length. A one-minute warning will be given at 19 minutes. The interview will be stopped at 20 minutes.
4. Evaluators will have up to 5 minutes to use the rubric to score and write comments for participants.

ELIGIBILITY & GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Review “Eligibility and General Rules for All Levels of Competition” on page 87 prior to event planning and preparation.
2. Participants should use the *portfolio* during the interview process and answer questions about the *portfolio* at this time. No other materials may be used during the interview.
3. **Access to an electrical outlet will not be provided.** Participants are encouraged to bring fully charged devices such as laptops, tablets, etc., to use for *electronic portfolio* presentation.
4. Participant must apply for a job that matches their *current* skills, education level, and relates to their career interests/goals. Letters of recommendation must not be the work of the participant.

GENERAL INFORMATION								
Individual or Team Event	Prepare Ahead of Time	Equipment Provided	Electrical Access	Participant Set Up / Prep Time	Room Consultant & Evaluator Review Time	Maximum Oral Presentation Time	Evaluation Interview Time	Total Event Time
Individual	Portfolio and Job Application		Not provided		15 minutes prior to presentation	1-minute warning at 19 minutes; stopped at 20 minutes		40 minutes

PRESENTATION ELEMENTS ALLOWED									
Audio	Costumes	Easel(s)	File Folder	Flip Chart(s)	Portfolio	Props/Pointers	Skits	Presentation Equipment	Visuals
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Presentation Equipment is allowed only for presentation of electronic portfolio.



JOB INTERVIEW Specifications

Hardcopy Portfolio

The *portfolio* is a collection of materials used to document and illustrate the work of the project. Materials must be contained in the official FCCLA STAR Events binder obtained from the FCCLA national emblematic supplier. A decorative and/or informative cover may be included. All materials, including the *content divider pages*, must fit within the cover, be one-sided, and may not exceed 36 pages, as described below. Divider page tabs may extend up to 1" outside the cover. Once a *hardcopy portfolio* has been turned in to evaluators, participants may not switch to an *electronic portfolio*.

Electronic Portfolio

An *electronic portfolio* may be either in PowerPoint, Prezi, or other electronic format that can be viewed by the evaluators and room consultants prior to the oral presentation. The *electronic portfolio* and the hardware (method) to view it (i.e., *equipment, files, projectors, screens, laptops*) will be turned in to the room consultant at the designated participation time. Participants assume the responsibility of providing the *technology* used to show the evaluators the project. Once an *electronic portfolio* is turned in to the evaluators, participants may not switch to a *hardcopy portfolio*. *Portfolio* may not exceed 47 slides, as described below.

1-8 ½" x 11" page or 1 slide	<i>Project Identification Page</i>	<i>Plain paper</i> or slide, with no <i>graphics</i> or decorations; must include participant's name(s), chapter name, school, city, state, event name, and project title.
1-8 ½" x 11" page or 1 slide	Table of Contents	List the parts of the <i>portfolio</i> in the order in which the parts appear.
1-8 ½" x 11" page or 2 slides	FCCLA <i>Planning Process</i> Summary Page	Summarize how each step of the <i>Planning Process</i> was used to plan and implement the project; use of the <i>Planning Process</i> may also be described in the oral presentation.
1 	Evidence of Online Project Summary Submission	Complete the online project summary form located on the "Surveys" tab of the FCCLA Portal, and include proof of submission in the <i>portfolio</i> .
0-5	<i>Content Divider Pages</i> or Sections	Use 0 to 5 <i>content divider/section pages</i> or slides. <i>Content divider/section pages</i> may be tabbed, may contain a title, a section name, <i>graphic</i> elements, thematic decorations, and/or page numbers. They must not include any other <i>content</i> .
Up to 27 8 ½" x 11" pages or 37 slides	Job Specification Sheet	Give name of employer, job title, short job description, required hours, and wages typically offered for this job. The selected job must match the participant's current skills, education level, and relate to future career interests and goals.
	Business Communication	Include completed job application (download from the STAR Events Resources page of the FCCLA website), cover letter, resume, and two letters of recommendation (one from a school official, administrator, counselor, or teacher and one from an employer or other <i>community</i> representative). All student-created business communication documents should be complete; use correct spelling, grammar, and be consistently written; be of consistent font style and of appropriate size; use appropriate business format and color; be well organized; and match <i>current</i> skills and reflect future career interests and goals.
	<i>Career-Related Education</i>	Describe <i>career-related education</i> that enhances employability. Include a summary of school activities, career research projects, application of Family and Consumer Sciences and/or related occupations skills and their relationship to job, and an example of ability to communicate in written form.
	<i>Educational Enhancement Opportunities</i>	Describe <i>educational enhancement opportunities</i> that enhance employability. Include career development planning, summaries of job shadowing, internships, apprenticeships, informational interviews, or <i>community</i> service projects, and products developed during these experiences.

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Up to 27 pages or 37 slides (continued)	Examples of Skills	Provide evidence of five skills, talents, and/or abilities related to job and career goals. These may be in any format but must fit within the <i>dimensions</i> of the <i>portfolio</i> . Audio and/or video recordings may be included in the <i>portfolio</i> but will not be considered by evaluators. Examples or samples of skills will be identified as such and are considered <i>content pages</i> .
	Appearance	<i>Portfolio</i> must be neat, legible, and <i>professional</i> and use correct grammar and spelling.

Interview

The interview **may be up to** 20 minutes in length and will be conducted by evaluators. Questions will pertain to participant's *current* skill level and the specific job for which they are applying. The *portfolio* should be used during the interview.

Knowledge of Selected Job	Show evidence of how present skills relate to job, including Family and Consumers Sciences and/or related occupations coursework, and evidence of knowledge of specific abilities needed to perform job.
Communication Skills	Display effective verbal and nonverbal skills: clarity of expression, eye contact, body language, voice, grammar, word usage and pronunciation, friendly, poised, and personable.
Response to Evaluators' Questions	Provide clear and concise answers to evaluators' interview questions.
Use of <i>Portfolio</i>	Use <i>portfolio</i> during interview to support understanding of job and emphasize skills.
<i>Professional</i> Appearance	Attire and grooming suitable for specific job interview.
Voice	Speak clearly with appropriate pitch, tempo, and volume.
Body Language	Use appropriate body language including gestures, posture, mannerisms, and eye contact throughout interview.
Grammar/Word Usage/ Pronunciation	Use proper grammar, word usage, and pronunciation.



JOB INTERVIEW Rubric

Name of Participant _____

Chapter _____ State _____ Team # _____ Station # _____ Category _____

PORTFOLIO							Points										
FCCLA Planning Process Summary Page 0-5 points	0 Planning Process summary not provided	1 Inadequate steps in the Planning Process are presented	2 All Planning Process steps are presented but not summarized	3 All Planning Process steps are summarized	4 Evidence that the Planning Process was utilized to plan project	5 The Planning Process is used to plan the project. Each step is fully explained											
Job Specification Sheet 0-2 points	0 Job specification sheet not provided	1 1-4 items provided, or information is incomplete			2 All 5 items provided and are complete												
Business Communication 0-15 points	0 None apply	1-15: Score 1 point for each of these components			<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation letter #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate business format											
		<input type="checkbox"/> Correct application used	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed application	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct spelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct grammar	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently written											
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cover letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistent font style	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects current skills and future goals	<input type="checkbox"/> Well-organized											
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation letter #1		<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate font size	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate colors used												
Career Related Education 0-5 points	0 Not included	1 Only one of the required items provided	2 Only two of four items provided	3 Three of four items provided	4 All four items provided but they lack information	5 All four items provided, thorough and professional											
Educational Enhancement Opportunities 0-5 points	0 Not included	1 Only one item provided	2 Two of three items provided but lack information	3 Two of three items provided completely	4 All three items provided but they lack information	5 All three items provided, thorough and professional											
Examples of Special Skills 0-5 points	0 Not included	1 Only one or two of the items provided	2 Only three of five items provided	3 Four of five items provided	4 Five items provided	5 All five items provided and relate well to job/career goals											
Appearance 0-3 points	0 Portfolio is illegible and unorganized	1 Portfolio is neat, but may contain grammatical or spelling errors and is organized poorly	2 Portfolio is neat, legible, and professional, with correct grammar and spelling	3 Neat, legible, professional, correct grammar and spelling used with effective organization of information													
INTERVIEW																	
Knowledge of Selected Job 0-10 points	0 Little evidence of job knowledge	1 Minimal evidence of job knowledge	2	3 Some evidence of job knowledge	4	5 Knowledge of job is evident but not in interview	6	7 Knowledge of job is evident and shared at times in the interview	8	9 Knowledge of job is evident and incorporated throughout the interview	10						
Communication Skills 0-10 points	0 Participant does not take part in interview	1 Interview is brief because participant does not carry on a conversation or answer questions with detail	2	3 Participant answers most questions well, but displays signs of self-consciousness or nervousness in nonverbal communication	4	5 Participant answers questions and relates to evaluators well	6	7 Participant shows confidence and personality during interview. Answers questions well	8	9 Participant is confident, poised, personable, relates well to evaluators, answers questions clearly and effectively	10						
Responses to Evaluators' Questions 0-15 points	0 Did not answer evaluators' questions	1 Unable to answer some questions	2	3	4 Responded to all questions, but without ease or accuracy	5	6	7 Responded adequately to all questions	8	9	10 Gave appropriate responses to evaluators' questions	11	12	13 Responses to questions were appropriate and given without hesitation	14	15	
Use of Portfolio During Interview 0-3 points	0 Portfolio is not used during interview	1 Portfolio is referenced but not used to support knowledge or skills			2 Portfolio used minimally to support knowledge and skills			3 Portfolio used appropriately to emphasize knowledge and skills									
Voice – pitch, tempo, volume 0-3 points	0 Voice qualities not used effectively	1 Voice quality is adequate			2 Voice quality is good, but could improve			3 Voice quality is outstanding and pleasing									

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Job Interview Rubric (continued)

					Points
Body Language 0-3 points	0 Uses inappropriate gestures, posture or mannerisms, avoids eye contact	1 Gestures, posture, mannerisms and eye contact is inconsistent or distracting during interview	2 Gestures, posture, mannerisms, and eye contact are appropriately used during interview	3 Gestures, posture, mannerisms and eye contact contribute to a positive interview experience	
Grammar/Word Usage/Pronunciation 0-3 points	0 Extensive (more than 5) grammatical and pronunciation errors	1 Some (3-5) grammatical and pronunciation errors	2 Few (1-2) grammatical and pronunciation errors	3 Presentation has no grammatical or pronunciation errors	
Professional Appearance 0-3 points	0-1 Non-professional appearance, attire, and/or grooming	2 Neat appearance, attire and grooming	3 Professional appearance, attire and grooming		

Evaluator's Comments:

TOTAL
(90 points possible)

Evaluator # _____

Evaluator Initial _____

Room Consultant Initial _____

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ADULT ROOM CONSULTANT

Prior to the event

- Read all information provided through the mail and online from FCCLA national headquarters for room consultants in your event thoroughly.
- Bring a calculator to the National Leadership Conference for totaling points. A phone with a calculator feature/app is acceptable, but please be prepared to place your phone in “airplane mode” during the competition times.

At the National Leadership Conference

- Attend room consultants meeting to review specific responsibilities.
- Prior to the event, check your room setup and materials. Review room consultant information and organize evaluator materials.
- Serve as doorkeeper for the event and enforce the no spectator policy. (Exception: Media and Business & Industry partners may be escorted into events with prior approval and arrangements made through national headquarters and Competitive Events Advisory Team.)
- When calling participants into the room to compete, use the name of event, category, chapter name, and state.
- Check off participant names on time schedule when they present.
- Collect and review participants’ portfolios while they are setting up. Record points on the corresponding point summary form, and confer with the event lead consultant if there are any questions. Then give the portfolios to evaluators and encourage them to score the “Portfolio” section of the rubric.
- Following the participants’ presentations, encourage evaluators to make constructive and thorough comments on the rubrics or provided comment sheets.
- Keep evaluators on schedule and check for blank areas on rubrics.
- Total points on rubrics and point summary form, and indicate final rating. Show evaluators final ratings for each participant and have evaluator initial their rubric next to the Total Points box and in the space provided on the point summary form. If ratings are not consistent, remind evaluators that we ask evaluation teams to be within a 10-point range.
- Collect and return rubrics and point summary forms to the Assistant Lead Consultant in team number order.
- Collect and return supplies to the Assistant Lead Consultant.
- Assist with Recognition Sessions as needed.
- Do not discuss ratings with anyone prior to Recognition Sessions.

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YOUTH ROOM CONSULTANT

Prior to the event

- Read all information provided through the mail and online from FCCLA national headquarters for room consultants in your event thoroughly.
- Bring a stopwatch to National Leadership Conference for timing events. A wristwatch is not acceptable. A phone with a stopwatch feature/app is acceptable, but please be prepared to place your phone in “airplane mode” during the competition times.

At the National Leadership Conference

- Attend room consultants meeting to review specific responsibilities.
- Assist adult room consultants as needed.
- Serve as timekeeper for the event.
 - allow the adult room consultant and evaluators up to 15 minutes to review the participant’s portfolio
 - introduce each participant to the evaluators
 - allow up to 20 minutes for the interview. Start time when an evaluator asks the first question, give a one-minute warning at 19 minutes, and try to find a natural break in the conversation before calling time.
- Direct the participant outside of the event room after the interview so evaluators may complete their rubrics.
- Thank the participant for their work and participation.
- Allow evaluators a few minutes to write comments and discuss the entry among themselves before bringing in the next portfolio.
- Collect rubrics and point summary form at the end of each presentation, and give to adult room consultant.
- Give evaluators the next portfolio to review once they have finished scoring.
- At the end of the day complete the volunteer evaluation form and collect completed evaluations from the evaluators and adult room consultant. Return evaluations to the Assistant Lead Consultant with the other competition materials.
- Thank evaluators at the end of the event.
- Assist with Recognition Sessions as needed.
- Do not discuss ratings with anyone prior to Recognition Sessions.

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EVALUATOR

General Information:

- Become familiar with the rules, point summary forms, and the rubric criteria. Question any criteria not understood. Remember that individual state event rules often differ from national event rules, and that national rules must be followed for the national competition.
- Do not request that participants hand you items – instead, please stand up for a closer look.
- When completing the rubric, circle the chosen score. Write the appropriate rating in the points column and write comments on the bottom or back of the rubric. All scores should be whole numbers (i.e. do not give individual rating categories 2.5 out of 5 points.) Specific and constructive written comments serve as a valuable source of feedback for the individuals and teams. Record Total Points. Verify point total and initial by the total point box.
- Remember that students are to follow the rubric and guidelines – please evaluate them according to this criteria and not to what you think they “should” have done (if not required/addressed in the event guidelines).
- Compare ratings with other evaluators and discuss the scores given to each student. The adult room consultant will then total scores and determine the average rating. Together, the evaluators will review the score and come to a consensus on the rating. **Although evaluator scores will vary, we recommend that all three evaluator ratings be within a 10-point range.** If the scores are outside a 10-point range, discuss the criteria and make sure there is a consensus between evaluators to standardize the participants score. Total scores should NOT be rounded.
- Rubrics and point summary forms are to be turned in to the room consultant at the end of the presentation, NOT held by evaluators until the end of the day to be adjusted.
- The decisions of the evaluators are final.
- Please discuss any suggestions for improvement on your event with the event lead consultant. Your comments are welcomed and appreciated.

Specific Event Information:

- Evaluators and room consultants will have 15 minutes to review the information and then the portfolio will be returned to the student.
- The participant will enter the Job Interview Room escorted by a room consultant. The room consultant will introduce the participant to the evaluators.
- Participants may present their portfolio during their up to 20 minute interview.
- Score the entry and discuss in private with the other evaluators on your team.
- Spend a few minutes reviewing strengths and areas for improvement of the presentation. Make written remarks on the rubric or the provided comment sheets.
- Complete the rubric and initial your rubric next to the “Total Score” box at the bottom of the second page.
- Submit your final rubric and any additional comment sheets to the adult room consultant for review.
- Once the adult room consultant has finished reviewing and totaling the participant’s score, double check for accuracy and initial the Point Summary Form where directed.
- At the end of the day complete the volunteer evaluation form and submit to the youth room consultant.
- Thank the room consultants for their assistance and work throughout the day.

DO NOT INFORM PARTICIPANTS OF THEIR SCORE OR RATING!



CAREER EXPLORATION THROUGH FCCLA

FCCLA made a concentrated effort to illustrate the connection of FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) to career pathways and hosted a focus group to assist us in this process. A survey of business and industry stakeholders found that FCCLA most directly supports career pathways in the hospitality and tourism, visual arts and design, education and training, and human services careers.

FCCLA National Programs and Competitive Events support CTE students' development of knowledge and skills, enhancing the classroom experience and career pathway initiatives. FCCLA is integrated into FACS and is intracurricular, exposing students to work-based learning, business and industry networks, and industry-recognized certifications. FCCLA members explore career opportunities and build their real world skills by developing projects, engaging and participating in events, and competing regionally and nationally for scholarships and awards.



HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

The management, marketing, and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events, and travel-related services.

Possible careers include:

- Restaurant, food service, lounge, casino, coffee shop, or catering owner, operator, or manager
- Hotel, motel, resort, or bed and breakfast owner, operator, or manager
- Tour company owner, operator, or manager
- Meeting and convention planner
- Interpreter or translator
- Tourism and travel services marketing manager

VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN

Designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.

Possible careers include:

- Stage designer
- Fashion/apparel designer or illustrator
- Interior designer
- Home furnishing coordinator
- Textile designer or chemist
- Costume designer

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Planning, managing, and providing education and training services and related learning support services.

Possible careers include:

- Superintendent, principal, or administrator
- Teacher or instructor
- Preschool or kindergarten teacher
- Clinical, developmental, or social psychologist
- Social worker
- Counselor
- Teacher assistant
- Parent educator
- Child care worker
- Coach
- Recreation worker
- Sign language interpreter

HUMAN SERVICES

Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care, and consumer services.

Possible careers include:

- Child care worker
- Child, family, or school social worker
- Director of childcare facility
- Preschool teacher
- Parent educator
- School counselor
- Sociologist
- Social services worker
- Personal or home care aide
- Leisure activities counselor
- Recreation worker
- Consumer credit counselor
- Personal financial advisor
- Consumer goods or services retailing representative or buyer
- Cosmetologist, hairdresser, or hairstylist



The FCCLA Planning Process for Individual and Team Action

The *Planning Process* is a decision-making tool that supports the organization’s overall philosophy about youth-centered leadership and personal growth. It can be used to determine group action in a chapter or class or to plan individual projects.



Go to <http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php> to download a blank FCCLA Planning Process template. This template may be modified, but all headings must be used, in the correct order. The FCCLA logo, STAR Events logo, and Planning Process graphics are encouraged but not required.



IDENTIFY CONCERNS

The circle represents a continuous flow of ideas and has no beginning or end. As a target, it symbolizes zeroing in on the one idea around which you would like to build a project.

- Brainstorm to generate ideas, or state the activity or problem you want to address if already determined.
- Evaluate your list and narrow it down to a workable idea or project that interests and concerns the majority or all of your members.



SET A GOAL

The arrow stands for deciding which direction you will take. It points toward the goal or end result.

- Get a clear mental picture of what you want to accomplish, and write your ideas down as your goal.
- Make sure your goal is one that can be achieved and evaluated.
- Consider resources available to you.



FORM A PLAN

The square represents the coming together of ideas—the who, what, where, when, and how of your plan.

- Decide what needs to be done to reach your goal.
- Figure out the who, what, where, when, and how.
- List the abilities, skills, and knowledge required on your part.
- List other available resources, such as people, places, publications, and funds.
- Make a workable timetable to keep track of your progress.
- List possible barriers you might face, and develop plans if necessary.
- Decide ways to recognize your accomplishments along the way.



ACT

The different squares in this symbol represent the activities to be carried out to meet your goal. It represents acting on the plan.

- Carry out your group or individual plan.
- Use *family* and *community* members, advisers, committees, task forces, and advisory groups when needed.



FOLLOW UP

The broken squares suggest examining the project piece by piece. This symbol also represents a “window” through which to review and evaluate the plan.

- Determine if your goal was met.
- List ways you would improve your project or plan for future reference.
- Share and publicize your efforts with others, including the media if appropriate.
- Recognize members and thank people involved with your project.



Competitive Events Glossary

The Competitive Events glossary was developed to help clarify questions about terms. Be sure you understand the rules for your event. Make certain you are following the national rules if they are different from your state rules.

Audience—A group of listeners, or readers of a work, program, or performance.

Audio equipment—Equipment used for the broadcasting of sound.

Audiovisual equipment—Equipment that uses both sight and sound to present information.

Best Practices Educator—An educator who models *professional* qualities, continued *professional* development and the use of current instructional approaches and strategies for teaching and learning. A best practices educator is committed to incorporating various teaching methods and seeks to utilize relevant *content* to create a classroom that is student focused. The educator should be recognized by *peers* for excellence and be fully certified in his/her field.

Bibliography—An alphabetical list of sources of information in an organized, consistent format (i.e. APA, MLA) on a given subject, period, etc.; a list of books, articles, software, etc., used or referred to by an author.

Campaign—Activities to achieve a specific objective.

Career-Related Education—Knowledge obtained through school curriculum and *community* service projects/activities that enhances a student's ability to work in a specific occupation.

Classroom Situation—a situation in which there are multiple ages, learning styles, education levels, and/or special needs represented in students who are gathered in one space for an individual lesson.

Community—A group of people living in the same locality and under the same governance; the region in which one lives (i.e., *family*, school, *peers*, town, city, *employment*, etc.).

Comprehensive Student—Students enrolled in general courses in a Family and Consumer Sciences program.

Content—The subject or ideas contained in something written, said, or represented.

Content divider pages—Pages of a *portfolio* that separate content sections and do not contain *content* but may include *graphic* elements, titles, logos, theme

decorations, page numbers, and/or a table of contents for a content section.

Content pages—Pages of a *portfolio*, business plan, or *portfolio* that contain information about the project; one side of page only.

Costume—Clothing worn by someone who is trying to look like or portray a different person or thing, often related to a specific presentation or project theme.

Creative thinking—The ability to generate new ideas.

Critical thinking—The ability to use communication and problem-solving skills effectively to direct, monitor, and evaluate.

Current—Current information may vary by *content* field. Current research should be up-to-date based on research and study in the field.

Digital Story—A mixture of computer-based images, text, recorded audio narration, video clips, and/or music that focuses on a specific topic, and contains a personal or particular point of view.

Dimensions—The stated or required size of a *display*, *portfolio*, or container (i.e., measurements, number of pages, etc.). The measured *dimensions* include all items that are a part of the *display*, *portfolio*, or container (tablecloths, audiovisuals, *props*, equipment, moving parts, etc.). Examples include but are not limited to: tablecloths placed under a *display*, a *display* with one or more panels when the panel(s) are extended, and storage of items under or around the *display* table.

Display—An arrangement of material that includes but is not limited to: photos, project samples, etc., and is contained within a specified area that includes all materials, *visuals*, and *audiovisual equipment* to be used for the presentation.

Easel—A stand or frame that may range in size used to hold materials upright, usually during a presentation or *display*.

Competitive Events Glossary (continued)

Educational Enhancement Opportunity—Knowledge obtained through job shadowing, informational interviews, or career research projects that enhances a specific *occupational area*.

Electronic Portfolio—An *electronic portfolio*, also known as an **e-portfolio** or **digital portfolio**, is a collection of electronic evidence assembled and managed by a user, usually on the Web (also called Web folio). Such electronic evidence may include inputted text, electronic files such as Microsoft Word and Adobe® PDF files, images, multimedia, blog entries, and hyperlinks. E-portfolios are both demonstrations of the user's abilities and platforms for self-expression, and, if they are online, they can be maintained dynamically over time. Some e-portfolio applications permit varying degrees of *audience* access, so the same *portfolio* might be used for multiple purposes.

Employment—The work in which one is engaged; an activity to which one devotes time; may or may not include wages.

Fabric Care—Method(s) of cleaning and making suitable for wear.

Fabric Characteristics—Information about a fabric including, ease of use, special requirements of constructing garments with this fabric, limitations/advantages of using the fabric, and typical uses.

Family—Two or more persons, sometimes living under one roof, who nurture and support one another physically and emotionally, share *resources*, share responsibility for decisions, share values and goals, and have commitment to one another; environment created by caring people—regardless of blood, legal ties, adoption, or marriage—where individuals learn to be productive members of society; a context for discovery where one can comfortably accept challenges, make mistakes, have successes, be self-expressive, and grow as an individual.

Fiber Content—The types and amounts of different fibers in a fabric or garment.

File folder—A letter-size folder 8 ½" x 11" with one fold on lower horizontal edge and open on the other 3 sides; may have a tab at the top or may be straight cut. Within the *file folder*, each set of materials should be stapled separately. *File folder* may be any color. Required labeling for STAR Events competition does not have to be printed on an adhesive label.

Flip chart—A chart consisting of sheets hinged on one side that can be flipped over to present information sequentially.

Focus Group—A small group of individuals, not participating in the event, who test and/or evaluate an idea, event, or product with the intent of suggesting revisions for improvement.

Graphic—A picture, border, map, graphic font, or graph used for illustration or demonstration.

Hardcopy—Readable printed copy of the output of a machine, such as a computer.

In-depth service project—A detailed project that addresses one specific interest, concern, or need.

Individual event—An event completed by one person.

Lesson plan—A set of plans for teaching a concept that includes objective(s), plan of action, time schedule, *resources*, supplies, equipment, and evaluation process.

Mannequin—A full or partial human form that is or is close to actual body size which is used to display a garment or ensemble.

Model—A 3-D object which represents, in detail, the intent of a final version of a product.

National programs—Frameworks for FCCLA action that encourage members to enhance their personal growth and build leadership skills.

Occupational student—An *occupational student* is one who has completed or is currently taking a concentrated program that prepares individuals for paid *employment*.

Peer—A person who is equal to another in a particular category such as ability, age, rank, and/or qualifications.

Peer education—To provide with information, teach, or instruct a person or group equal in ability, age, rank, and/or qualifications (e.g., teens teaching teens).

Photo Album—A collection of photographs, either presented in a digital or printed format.

Plain paper—8 ½" x 11" paper with no *graphics* or design. Paper may be any solid color. Watermark is not allowed.

Planning Process—A five-step method (identify concerns, set a goal, form a plan, act, and follow up) to help FCCLA chapter members and advisers plan individual, group, or chapter activities.

Pointer—See *prop*. Laser *pointers* are not allowed.

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Portfolio—A record/collection of a person’s work organized in a format that best suits the project and meets the requirements of the event. *Portfolios* may be either *hardcopy* or *electronic*. See event specifications for allowable format.

Postconsumer Item—Any item which has been discarded by an end consumer. Examples include, but are not limited to, textiles, housewares, paper goods, sporting goods, etc.

Presentation equipment – Equipment using sight and/or sound to present information. See also audiovisual equipment.

Problem solving—The ability to recognize problems and devise and implement plans of action to solve the problems.

Professional—Worthy of the high standards of a profession.

Project identification page—A page at the front of a document or *display* containing headings specifically called for by event rules.

Prop—An object used to enhance a theme or presentation (e.g., book, puppet, *pointer*, etc.) that does not include *visuals*, audiovisuals, or *costumes/uniforms*. No live animals or people may be used as props or visuals. Props do not include *content*.

Prototype Formula—The ingredients, their quantities, and the process directions used to produce a food item.

Public Policy – The governing policy within a *community* as embodied in its legislative and judicial enactments which serve as a basis for determining what acts are to be regarded as contrary to the public good.

Reliable—Sources should be respected in the field and information found in the source should be able to be backed up by other sources or legitimate research.

Resources—Any source of information or assistance in carrying out a project. May be any medium (e.g. book, internet, chapter member, speaker, etc.) but must be cited appropriately when used.

School relationships—Relationships within an educational institution (e.g., student to student, student to educator, student to organization, etc.).

Seating and Traffic Standards—Standards for the amount of space needed for and around seating areas with various levels of traffic produced by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (Kitchen Planning Guidelines 8 & 9). NKBA Planning Guidelines can be found online at: <http://www.nkba.com/guidelines/kitchen.aspx>.

Skit—A short, rehearsed, theatrical sketch that could include interaction with others (also called role play).

Sound business practices—Practices that are *comprehensive*, ethical, realistic, and profitable.

Team—A *team* may be composed of one, two, or three participants from the same chapter and/or school with the following exception: the Parliamentary Procedure *team* may have four to eight participants from the same chapter and/or school.

Team event—An event that can be completed by an entire chapter but may be presented by a *team* of one, two, or three members.

Technology—A method, system, or process for handling a specific, technical problem.

Presentation equipment—Equipment used for visual projection without sound (e.g., projector, laptop, electronic tablet).

Visuals—Posters, charts, slides, presentation software, etc., which include *content*.