



STAR Events

Volunteer Handbook

Life Event Planning





Life Event Planning

Life Event Planning is an *individual or team event* that recognizes participants who apply skills learned in Family and Consumer Sciences courses to manage the financial costs of an upcoming event. An upcoming event is defined as a planned event that is taking place during the 2017, 2018 or 2019 calendar years. Wedding planning is not an appropriate event topic unless the student or family member is engaged with a wedding date in 2017, 2018, or 2019. “Dream events” with no timeline are not allowed.

Examples of events include, but are not limited to:

- preparing to move into a dormitory room
- hosting a party or celebration
- operating a vehicle for one month
- taking a school or personal trip
- hosting a *family* reunion
- paying initial costs of a new job
- managing personal costs of attending the prom
- paying school expenses for one grade level.

Planning events for the FCCLA chapter, school, or other organization are not appropriate for this event. Participants select an upcoming event in their lives, determine the amount they can budget for the event, and prepare in advance an event **portfolio**. At the event site, participants present the *portfolio* to the evaluators.

EVENT CATEGORIES

Junior: through grade 9

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

- Business Management & Administration
- Finance
- Marketing

PROCEDURES & TIME REQUIREMENTS

1. Each entry will submit a *portfolio (hardcopy or electronic)* to the event room consultant at the designated time for participation.
2. The participant(s) will have 5 minutes to set up for the event. Other persons may not assist.
3. Room consultants and evaluators will have 10 minutes to preview the *portfolio (hardcopy or electronic)* during setup. The participant must make the *electronic portfolio* accessible to evaluators.
4. The oral presentation **may be up to 10** minutes in length. A one-minute warning will be given at 9 minutes. The participant will be stopped at 10 minutes.
5. If audio or audiovisual recordings are used, they are limited to 1 minute playing time during the presentation.
6. Following the presentation, evaluators will have 5 minutes to interview the participant.
7. Evaluators will have up to 5 minutes to use the rubric to score and write comments for each participant.

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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 or Team	Portfolio, Oral Presentation	Table	Not provided	5 minutes	10 minutes prior to presentation	1-minute warning at 9 minutes; stopped at 10 minutes	5 minutes	30 minutes

PRESENTATION ELEMENTS ALLOWED									
Audio	Costumes	Easel(s)	File Folder	Flip Chart(s)	Portfolio	Props/Pointers	Skits	Presentation Equipment	Visuals
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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 must have completed a course or a unit in consumer management or financial education in a Family and Consumer Sciences program or must have completed a unit of the FCCLA Financial Fitness national program.
3. A table will be provided. Participants must bring all other necessary supplies and/or equipment. Wall space is not available.
4. **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 audiovisual or *electronic portfolio* presentation.



LIFE EVENT PLANNING 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* and tabs, must fit within the cover, be one-sided, and may not exceed 32 pages, as described below. Once a *hardcopy portfolio* has been turned in to the 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 43 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> .
0-4	<i>Content Divider Pages</i> or Sections	Use 0 to 4 <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 24 8 ½" x 11" pages or 34 slides	Profile of Event	Up to three pages, or five slides containing a profile of the selected upcoming event; must include type of event (see examples in event description), date of event, a description of the role of needs and wants in the situation, a goal statement(s) for the project, a description of the role of values and/or priorities in the situation, and a summary of challenges involved in developing a workable financial plan.
	Comparison Shopping	Up to twelve pages, or seventeen slides must include evidence of comparison shopping for five goods and/or services. Identify function and priority of each good/service as needed for successful completion of event. More than 5 may be identified. For each good and/or service, provide 2 or more sources, costs, and features. Develop your own format; <i>graphics</i> may be used.
	Event Plan 	Up to five pages, or seven slides using the chart format provided (see sample); must include sources and amount of income budgeted, a list of all products/services to be acquired, sources selected, key features considered, quantities, unit costs, and total costs. <i>Graphics</i> may be used.
	<i>Resources</i> Summary 	Up to four pages, or five slides must include list of at least six <i>resources</i> , both human and nonhuman, used to complete the project, including sources of product/service information and sources of advice; use the template as provided.
	Appearance	<i>Portfolio</i> must be neat, legible, and <i>professional</i> and use correct grammar and spelling.

Life Event Planning Specifications (continued)

Oral Presentation

The oral presentation **may be up to 10** minutes in length and is delivered to evaluators. The presentation is to describe research and planning efforts in detail. The *portfolio* will be used by the participant during the oral presentation. Participants may use *visuals* including posters, charts, slides, presentation software, and *audiovisual equipment*. If audio or audiovisual recordings are used, they are limited to 1 minute playing time during the presentation.

Organization/Delivery	Deliver oral presentation in an organized, sequential manner; concisely and thoroughly summarize research.
Knowledge of Subject Matter	Demonstrate knowledge of planning, budgeting, and managing costs of an event.
Explanation of Financial Situation	Clearly and thoroughly explain the role of needs, wants, goals, values, priorities, and challenges in the financial situation.
Explanation of Decisions Involved in Financial Plan	Explain a minimum of three decisions that were involved in the financial plan.
Summary	Summarize ways in which planning a financial situation was helpful.
Use of <i>Portfolio</i> and <i>Visuals</i>	Use <i>portfolio</i> to describe all phases of the project. Use original, creative, and appealing <i>visuals</i> to enhance the presentation.
Voice	Speak clearly with appropriate pitch, volume, and tempo.
Body Language/ Clothing Choice	Use appropriate body language. Wear appropriate clothing for the nature of the presentation including gestures, posture, mannerisms, eye contact.
Grammar/Word Usage/ Pronunciation	Use proper grammar, word usage, and proper pronunciation.
Responses to Evaluators' Questions	Provide clear and concise answers to evaluators' questions regarding project. Questions are asked after the presentation.

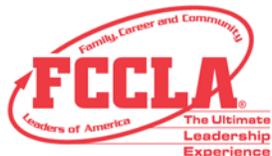
Sample Excerpt: Event Plan

Name of Member _____ Date _____

Title of Project “Happy Birthday, Sis”

Goal To host a surprise birthday party for my sister and pay all costs myself

INCOME		EXPENDITURES						
Source	Amount of Income	Product	Service	Source	Key Features	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Income, part-time job	\$225	NA	Rent Clubhouse	Local Civic-Clubhouse	Low Cost, safe neighborhood, space to dance	1 day and night	\$75–25 (deposit returned)	\$50
Savings	\$200	Vegetable Tray/Dip	NA	Neighborhood Deli	Low cost, tasty, healthy	1 to feed 50 people	\$35	\$35



LIFE EVENT PLANNING 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	
Profile of Event Role of needs/wants 0-3 points	0 Not included	1 Explanation unclear	2 Explained partially	3 Explained thoroughly			
Profile of Event Goal statement(s) 0-2 points	0 Goal(s) of project not stated	1 Goal(s) of project stated	2 Goal(s) of project stated and is measurable, specific, and appropriate for the project				
Profile of Event Role of values and/or priorities 0-2 points	0 Role of values/priorities not stated	1 Role of values/priorities stated, but unclear	2 Role of values/priorities stated clearly and thoroughly				
Profile of Event Description of financial challenges 0-3 points	0 Financial challenges were not described	1 Challenges(s) described partially, but unclear	2 Challenges partially described	3 Challenges described clearly and thoroughly			
Comparison Shopping Format 0-3 points	0 Disorganized, lacks consistent format	1 Format difficult to interpret	2 Format understandable, but could be organized more effectively	3 Format clear and effective			
Comparison Shopping Goods and services identified 0-3 points	0 No sources stated for goods/services	1 1 or 2 goods/services identified	2 3 or 4 goods/services identified	3 5 or more goods/services identified			
Comparison Shopping Sources, costs and features 0-3 points	0 Not provided	1 Incomplete information or provided for less than 5 goods/services	2 2 or more sources, costs and features are listed for each of the 5 goods/services	3 2 or more sources, costs and features are for each of the 5 goods/services. Thorough information is provided for each			
Comparison Shopping Quantities of goods and services 0-3 points	0 No quantities shown	1 Quantities shown for up to 1/3 of items	2 Quantities shown for up to 2/3 of items	3 Quantities shown for all items			
Event Plan List of products/services 0-3 points	0 Most needed products/services omitted	1 Many needed products/services omitted	2 Most needed products/services listed	3 All needed products/services listed			
Event Plan Quantities and costs 0-3 points	0 Quantities and costs not shown	1 Shown for up to 1/3 items	2 Shown for up to 2/3 items	3 Shown for more than 2/3 of all items			
Resources Summary Variety of resources 0-3 points	0 Only one type of resource, no variety	1 2-3 types of resources, minimal variety	2 4-5 types of resources, some variety	3 6 or more types of resources			
Resources Summary Format used 0-2 points	0 Disorganized, lacks consistent format	1 Format difficult to interpret	2 Format clear and effective				
Resources Summary Summary of learnings 0-3 points	0 No paragraph of learnings	1 Summary of learnings unclear	2 Only partially explained	3 Explained clearly and thoroughly			
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			

Life Event Planning Rubric (continued)

Points

ORAL PRESENTATION							
Organization/Delivery 0 – 10 points	0 Presentation is not done or presented briefly and does not cover components of the project	1-2 Presentation covers some topic elements	3-4 Presentation covers all topic elements but with minimal information	5-6 Presentation gives complete information but does not explain the project well	7-8 Presentation covers information completely but does not flow well	9-10 Presentation covers all relevant information with a seamless and logical delivery	
Knowledge of Subject Matter 0-5 points	0 Little or no evidence of knowledge	1 Minimal evidence of knowledge	2 Some evidence of knowledge	3 Knowledge of subject matter is evident but not effectively used in presentation	4 Knowledge of subject matter is evident and shared at times in the presentation	5 Knowledge of subject matter is evident and incorporated throughout the presentation	
Explained Financial Situation <i>Needs and wants, goal(s), values and priorities, financial challenges</i> 0-4 points	0 None of the four elements are explained, either partially or in full	1 1-2 elements explained, either partially or full	2 3 elements explained, either partially or full	3 4 elements explained, but one or more is incomplete	4 4 elements explained clearly and thoroughly		
Explained Decisions Involved in Developing Financial Plan for Event 0-5 points	0 Did not mention/explain any decisions	1 Mentioned one decision, did not explain	2 Mentioned two decisions, did not explain	3 Explained one decision	4 Explained two decisions	5 Explained three or more decisions	
Summary of Ways in Which Financial Planning was Helpful 0-3 points	0 No summary given	1 Summary was ineffective	2 Somewhat effective summary	3 Highly effective summary			
Use of Portfolio and Visuals during Presentation 0-5 points	0 Portfolio and visuals not used during presentation	1 Portfolio and visuals used to limit amount of speaking time	2 Portfolio and visuals used minimally during presentation	3 Portfolio and visuals incorporated throughout presentation	4 Portfolio and visuals used effectively throughout presentation	5 Presentation moves seamlessly between oral presentation, portfolio and visuals	
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			
Body Language/ Clothing Choice 0-3 points	0 Uses inappropriate gestures, posture or mannerisms, avoids eye contact/inappropriate clothing	1 Gestures, posture, mannerisms and eye contact is inconsistent/ clothing is appropriate	2 Gestures, posture, mannerisms, eye contact, and clothing are appropriate	3 Gestures, posture, mannerisms, eye contact, and clothing enhance presentation			
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			
Responses to Evaluators' Questions 0-5 points	0 Did not answer evaluators' questions	1 Unable to answer some questions	2 Responded to all questions but without ease or accuracy	3 Responded adequately to all questions	4 Gave appropriate responses to evaluators' questions	5 Responses to questions were appropriate and given without hesitation	

Evaluator's Comments:

TOTAL
(90 points possible)

Evaluator # _____

Evaluator Initial _____

Room Consultant Initial _____



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Resources Summary Template

A minimum of six (6) resources should be used to complete the project. The Resources Summary should follow this format and should not exceed 4 pages or 6 slides, and be placed in the portfolio.

Summary of Learning (what did you learn about the use of resources while completing your project?):

TYPE OF RESOURCE	PRODUCT OR SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION	ADDITIONAL NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/> Human <input type="checkbox"/> Nonhuman			
<input type="checkbox"/> Human <input type="checkbox"/> Nonhuman			
<input type="checkbox"/> Human <input type="checkbox"/> Nonhuman			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Human <input type="checkbox"/> Nonhuman			
<input type="checkbox"/> Human <input type="checkbox"/> Nonhuman			

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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.

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.
- Introduce each participant or team to the evaluators.
- Serve as timekeeper for the event.
 - allow participants 5 minutes to setup; other persons may not assist
 - allow the adult room consultant and evaluators 10 minutes to review the portfolio
 - begin timing when participants begin their oral presentation
 - hold up warning card at 9 minutes (one minute warning)
 - stop participants at 10 minutes
 - ensure that all audio and/or visual recordings are limited to 1 minute playing time
 - allow 5 minutes for questioning by evaluators
- Direct participants outside of the event room after the 5 minutes of questions so evaluators may complete rubrics.
- Thank the participants for their work and presentation.
- Allow evaluators a few minutes to write comments and discuss the entry among themselves before bringing in the next participant.
- 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 may review the participant’s portfolio 10 minutes prior to the presentation.
- Participants may give up to a 10 minute oral presentation of their project to the evaluators. Following the oral presentation, evaluators will have 5 minutes to question participant and determine their knowledge of the subject or to ask for clarification.
- 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*.

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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*. Live objects are not allowed. 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*.