



# Requirements/Policies for National Leadership Conference Participants



## Award Decisions

The decisions of the evaluators are final.

## Conference Registration and Lodging

National STAR Events participants are required to be registered for the full week during the National Leadership Conference and to stay at one of the official conference hotels. STAR Events participants attending the National Leadership Conference and not staying at one of the official convention hotels will not be permitted to compete in national STAR Events. A list of official convention hotels is in the National Leadership Conference information posted online at [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org).

## National Recognition

Participants will receive recognition items including certificates and achievement medals. Recognition levels are:

- Gold medal (highest level)
- Silver medal
- Bronze medal.

Each entry is evaluated by a standard set of criteria. There is no limit to the number of medals given for each level in any category.

STAR Events participants must attend their Recognition Session to receive a medal. The method of recognizing national STAR Events participants will be published prior to the National Leadership Conference.

## National STAR Events Registration Deadlines

Online STAR Events, Level I entries due by 5:00 p.m., EST, February 1.

States with state competitions on or prior to April 24 must submit all STAR Events registrations online to FCCLA national headquarters by 5:00 p.m., EDT, May (TBA), 2017.

States with state competitions on or after April 25 must submit all STAR Events registrations online to FCCLA national headquarters by 5:00 p.m., EDT, May (TBA), 2017.

Participants registering after the published deadlines through June 1 will pay an additional late participant registration fee of \$100 per event/category registration. Beginning June 2, the late registration fee will be an additional \$200 per event/category registration. Late registrations will not be guaranteed a printed certificate.

Substitutions will not be permitted after the published STAR Events substitution deadline.

## National Participation Schedule

A tentative competition schedule and event registration, orientation information (if offered onsite) will be posted with the National Leadership Conference Guide. Specific instructions concerning event locations and logistics will be posted by June 1. Participants without Internet access may request this information by mail.

Chapter advisers will receive the scheduled participation times for their chapter's participants during the Competitive Events Registration Packet Pick Up. Changing schedules with other participants is not permitted.

Chapter advisers will be responsible for picking up all STAR Events registration materials and distributing it to their STAR Events participants. At this time the chapter adviser or adult designee will:

- Confirm participant attendance and no-shows
- Receive participant information, which may include ribbons, participation times, specific event materials, and recognition session information
- Sign acknowledgement of receipt of materials.

Any packets not picked up and signed during the specified STAR Events Registration time(s) will result in participants not receiving the 3 points for registration. Participants are still eligible to compete at their scheduled time. Any packets not picked up during the specified time(s) will be identified as late pick-up. Chapter advisers may pick up these materials during normal conference registration hours.

Participants are required to be available during the entire time their event takes place. Do not schedule other activities during these time periods.

Questions regarding STAR Events will be handled at the Competitive Events Headquarters only.

### **Online Testing**

Applied Math for Culinary Management and Parliamentary Procedure participants are required to take their event tests during an online testing window, May 7-23, 2018. This test will not be offered onsite at the National Leadership Conference. Participants not taking the test online during the testing window will lose the testing points.

### **Online Orientation Sessions**

All entries will receive 2 points for submitting the STAR Event Online Orientation form, to be completed after viewing the event orientation session video, posted on the national FCCLA website. During this presentation the STAR Events schedule, participant's responsibilities, general event schedule and evaluation procedure will be reviewed. Each entry must complete and submit the STAR Events Online Orientation form to the event room consultant at the time of competition. Only one form per entry (team or participant) is required.

All rules apply even if the participant decides not to complete the orientation session. FCCLA does not assume responsibility for any problems resulting from participants who choose not to complete and document their participation.

### **Chapter Substitution Policy**

Once a chapter has registered a student as a National STAR Events participant, a substitution from that chapter is permitted in the case of a team event, but only if the substitute meets the eligibility requirements of that event. All substitutions must be approved by the state adviser. Substitutions are not permitted in individual events. Substitutions are not permitted after June 1 for National STAR Events.

States may determine substitution policies for STAR Events as the district, regional, or state levels.

### **Supplies, Equipment and Electrical Access**

Participants must bring all needed supplies with them to competition. Supplies will not be available from the National Leadership Conference Headquarters or Competitive Events Headquarters.

Access to an electrical outlet will not be provided unless required for a participant classified under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This request must be made during the national STAR Events registration process. Participants are encouraged to bring fully charged devices such as laptops, tablets, etc., to use for presentations, as allowed per event guidelines.

### **STAR Events Registration Fees**

Each participant in a team or individual event pays a fee to help cover STAR Events expenses— room rental, certificates, recognition session expenses, medals, and supplies. In addition to the participant entry fee, online STAR Events, Level II entries pay a technology fee to provide Internet access and equipment. The national STAR Event participant fee is posted in the National Leadership Conference information. STAR Events fees are nonrefundable.

### **Competitive Events Advisory Team**

Resolution to situations not addressed in policies or in event guidelines will be determined in consultation between national FCCLA staff and members of the Competitive Events Advisory Team.