



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America® 2017 Frank W. H. Fort Civic Engagement /Leadership Scholarship Application

Frank W.H. Fort was an FCCLA state adviser for New Mexico, a member of the National Board of Directors of FCCLA, National President of the State Supervisors (NASAFACS) division of ACTE, a National Alumni Achievement Award recipient of FCCLA, and a strong advocate of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) education and FCCLA youth leadership opportunities throughout his life. He was an adventurer and risk-taker who did not wait for something to happen; rather, he sought a means to make something happen. Frank was willing to step out of the box into the unknown searching for opportunities for growth, improvement, and innovation. Frank died in 2008 at the age of 36 from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Frank W.H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship recognizes a current middle, junior or senior high FCCLA member who plans and implements an exemplary civic engagement / leadership project at the local, district, state or national level to increase awareness of a specific need or interest. Each applicant will be evaluated based on the application information provided, and a recipient will be selected by a selection committee.

Civic engagement has been defined as "individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern." It can take many forms – from individual volunteerism to organizational involvement and can include efforts to directly address an issue or work with others in a community to solve a problem. From volunteering to voting, from community organizing to political advocacy, the defining characteristic of active civic engagement is the commitment to participate and contribute to the improvement of one's community, neighborhood, nation and world. Youth engaged in civic engagement would mean that youth leadership (youth-led projects) is evident.

Please complete the following instructions to apply for the Frank W.H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship.

Eligibility:

Open to a **nationally** affiliated FCCLA member who:

- is affiliated with national FCCLA by March 1, 2017

Instructions:

1. **To Apply: Go to the [Frank W.H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship Online Application](#)**
2. Complete all sections of the application.
3. List information beginning with the most recent date first.
4. Use only the space provided. Do not send additional pages. Applicants will be judged solely on information contained on the online form and your letters of recommendation. Applications may not be revised after they are submitted. Applicants will receive a confirmation email and copy of the application once the online application is successfully submitted.
5. Documents needed for upload:
 - a. Official high school transcript.
 - b. Three (3) letters of recommendation: one from their local adviser, and two from a person knowledgeable of student's non-FCCLA activities. (Recommendations must be no more than one (1) page, and signed. *Recommendation letters should be generic and addressed to the FCCLA Scholarship Committee. Applicants may use the same letters for each FCCLA scholarship they are applying for.*)
6. Application must be postmarked by 5:00 PM **March 1, 2017**.

Procedure/Recognition

Applications will be evaluated for style and expression as well as content. Conciseness of written remarks is recommended. This scholarship is a one-time cash award of \$500 payable directly to the recipient. Funds must be applied toward the 2017 National Leadership Conference. If the recipient does not attend the 2017 National Leadership Conference, the funds will not be disseminated. The winner will be notified by **April 2017**. Scholarship winners are invited to attend the 2017 FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN to receive recognition for their award. Travel expenses to attend the meeting are the responsibility of the scholarship award winner. For further questions, please contact FCCLA at (703) 476-4900.