



Youth leaders learn more about themselves, the workplace, and careers so that they can put themselves on the pathway to future success.

**Career Connection** is a national FCCLA peer education program that guides students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects to discover their strengths and then develop and practice career-ready skills. Through their projects, members experience career preparation and improve their critical and creative thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and real-world skills.

Career Connection guides students to discover their pathway through four essential units.

### What's Inside

Chapter advisers can purchase the electronic Career Connection National Program for \$60 by visiting the FCCLA Portal E-Store. The program includes:

- 4 Comprehensive Units
- 8 Ready-to-Use Lesson Plans
- 300 Interactive Activities

### Classroom Impact

FCCLA's Career Connection National Program offers Family and Consumer Sciences educators a powerful tool to integrate career readiness into their classrooms. This resource aligns with educational standards by helping students:

- Develop essential career-ready skills like critical thinking, communication, and teamwork.
- Foster personal growth and career exploration through hands-on projects.
- Link interests and strengths to potential career paths.
- Gain practical knowledge to balance roles in careers, families, and communities.
- Enhance their ability to set and achieve career goals through guided steps.

### Career Connection Units

**My Skills** — students learn about themselves and practice being productive, promotable employees as they link their personal interests, skills, and goals to careers.

**My Life** — students learn to manage interconnected roles in careers, families, and communities by exploring choices and skills that help balance these roles.

**My Career** — students gain a better understanding of work and learn how to find and land a job.

**My Path** — students identify steps they can take to reach career and lifestyle goals.

### Awards

FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete Career Connection projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Conference, online, and in FCCLA newsletters. Chapters apply online for recognition for their hard work and innovative projects with the National Career Connection Program Award application.

### Career Connections Awards

High School Award — \$1,000

Middle School Award — \$1,000

Runner-Up Award — \$500

### Deadlines

More information on deadlines can be seen on the National Programs page on the FCCLA website by scanning the QR code or by following the link below:

<https://fcclainc.org/engage/national-programs>

