

FACTS

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COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY



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Safety (FACTS) is a national FCCLA peer education program through which students strive to save lives through personal, vehicle, and road safety. Students work to educate adults and youth about traffic safety and support enforcement of local rules and regulations regarding community traffic safety. Youth leaders can help families promote basic safety attitudes that can last a lifetime.

Through FACTS, FCCLA Members learn the realities of traffic safety, and they discover that traffic safety is a family affair. Children first learn basic safety skills and attitudes in families. Crashes deeply affect families, and FCCLA Members can help families emphasize safety and avoid related concerns through the FACTS program. Through FACTS projects, members reach their peers, children, and adults with traffic safety messages and activities. FCCLA addresses safety-related issues as an integral part of Family and Consumer Sciences education. Safety is an essential part of parenting and family roles and touches on child development, consumer issues, resource management, family services, personal and family wellness, interpersonal relationships, and more, all supported by the FACTS program.

The teen years are an ideal time to establish sound traffic safety habits to last a lifetime. FACTS gives students the facts and incentives they need to build an understanding of what it means to drive safely, both today and in the future. Through this program, young people plan and carry out projects that help them and their peers make informed, responsible decisions about traffic safety. FACTS units relate to three topic areas:

People – to understand and promote your role as a driver or passenger and keep yourself and others safe

Vehicles – to understand vehicle safety and the role it plays in safety for you and others

Roads – to understand and promote your role on the road as well as the safety hazards you may encounter and how to avoid or react to them.

What's Inside

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

- 3 Comprehensive Units
- 6 Ready-to-Use Lesson Plans
- Over 125 Interactive Activities

Classroom Impact

FCCLA's FACTS program helps students take responsibility for road safety. This resource supports students in:

- Promoting safe driving behaviors in their community.
- Educating others about traffic safety.
- Engaging in peer-led safety initiatives.
- Analyzing and improving local traffic safety concerns.
- Developing a sense of community responsibility for road safety.

Awards

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

FACTS National Program Winner Awards:

High School Award – \$1,000

Middle School Award – \$1,000

Runner-Up Award – \$500

Deadlines

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

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

