Grow Your Own Through FCCLA

FCCLA, a member of the National Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations is the Career and Technical Student Organization aligned to the Education and Training Career Cluster. FCCLA helps aspiring educators discover pathways in education through resources and programs aligned to industry certifications and national standards. FCCLA also prioritizes a “Grow Your Own” program to prepare future educators to fill the teacher pipeline as well as build fulfilling careers in education and training.

Career Pathways
FCCLA is aligned to four career pathways, including Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism, Visual Arts and Design, and the Education Profession. Having a focus on a variety of career pathways allows members to acquire many skills to be college and career ready, employable, and expose students to work-based learning, business and industry networks, and industry-recognized certifications for an array of career opportunities.

How Does FCCLA Prepare Future Teachers?
FCCLA members can gain skills that can help them become effective teachers, including:

**Classroom Management:**
Members have the opportunity to participate in planning and executing group projects in Competitive Events, which require them to manage groups of people effectively. These skills are essential for creating a positive and productive learning environment.

**Curriculum Development:**
FCCLA offers members opportunities to participate in events such as Teach or Train. Through these competitive events, members can learn how to create effective lesson plans that align with state and national standards and meet the needs of diverse learners.

**Interpersonal Communication:**
Members have the opportunity to develop interpersonal communication skills through interactions with peers, community members, partners, and government officials. These skills are beneficial in effective lesson plan delivery and establishing positive relationships with students, parents, and colleagues.

**Leadership Development:**
Members take on leadership roles, enabling them to develop essential skills for effective teaching, including communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and decision-making.
Awards and Scholarships
FCCLA provides a range of Awards and Scholarships to both individuals and chapters on an annual basis. State-level and membership-based scholarships aspiring teachers can gain from rich opportunities.

- $23,500 in Program Awards
- $16,500 in Youth Scholarships
- Over $13 Million in Competitive Events Scholarships

Financial Support
FCCLA offers various opportunities to mitigate the cost and enable all members to participate in the Ultimate Leadership Experience. Grow Your Own Programs in FCS can participate in the following:

- Chapter Affiliation Support Grants
- Chapter & Individual Grants
- National Leadership Conference Access Scholarships

Education and Training Competitive Events
FCCLA provides a comprehensive range of over 50 competitive events, all with components beneficial to the aspiring teacher. These events are scaffolded for middle school, high school and post-secondary members, meaning members interested in the teaching field can repeatedly return to build their skill set. The events below are specifically tied to education and training. **FCCLA is set to introduce three new education profession preparation events** in the year 2024.

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| EDUCATION PROFESSION PREPARATION EVENTS, 2024 | |
| Teaching Strategies | Lesson Plan Development & Modification (Skill Demonstration Event) | RED Talks in Education (Online STAR Event) |

National Conferences and Leadership Development Opportunities
Every year, FCCLA hosts conferences that bring together FCCLA members, advisers, and supporters from across the nation to learn, compete, and network. FCCLA’s conferences offer enriching experiences that provide attendees with the opportunity to hear from motivational speakers, attend rewarding workshops, connect with youth leaders, and develop skills for life.

**Capitol Leadership**
This immersive event in Washington, D.C. provides students with in-depth advocacy training, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to communicate effectively with elected officials. Attendees network with other members and industry leaders, and advocate on Capitol Hill for issues related to Family and Consumer Sciences education. Attendance helps to develop advocacy skills necessary to support their programs.

**National Fall Conference**
Members and advisers across the nation gather to network, expand their leadership skills, compete in Skill Demonstration Events, and explore National Programs and Career Pathways.

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