



FCCLA Adviser of the Year Presented by U.S. Army 2025-2026 National Award Guidelines

The FCCLA Adviser of the Year Award, presented by U.S. Army, is the highest honor a chapter adviser can receive and aims to recognize and celebrate the dedication, leadership, and excellence of an outstanding chapter adviser who has made significant contributions to the growth and success of FCCLA at the local, state, and national levels. Chapter Adviser of the Year recipients are well-rounded individuals who meet or exceed the National FCCLA Professional Adviser Standards across all key areas. This prestigious award is presented annually at the National Leadership Conference to acknowledge the critical role that advisers play in shaping the future of FCCLA Members.

Deadline:

All nominations are due via the application on the FCCLA website by February 20, 2026. Nominations submitted after the February 20, 2026 deadline will not be considered.

Criteria:

- Must be a current, affiliated FCCLA Chapter Adviser.
- Must have been an adviser for at least 3 years.
- Nominees will be assessed based on the FCCLA Adviser Professional Standards, as detailed below, and will be honored for their contributions to Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, Inc. The evaluators for this award will be the Board of Directors Communication and Membership Committee.
 - *Content Standard 1.0: Foundational*
 - *Content Standard 2.0: Leadership Development and Career Pathways*
 - *Content Standard 3.0: Sustainable Chapters and Programs*
 - *Content Standard 4.0: Professional Community*

Awards and Recognition:

- The top five (5) nominees with the highest scores will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize and be recognized as national finalists. These finalists will be honored on stage during a general session at the 2024 National Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA.
- The FCCLA Adviser of the Year will be announced live during the general session and will be awarded an additional \$2,000 cash prize for a total award of \$3,000.

Official Rules:

- Nominations must be typed.
- Nominators must provide four (4) letters of recommendation, each corresponding to one of the Content Standard Areas outlined in the [FCCLA Adviser Professional Standards](#). These letters must provide detailed insights into how the nominee meets and exceeds the performance areas associated with each standard.
- The Board of Directors Communication and Membership Committee will conduct a thorough review of all nominee applications. Each nominee will be assessed using the rubric provided below.
- The top five (5) nominees who receive the highest score will be nationally recognized as finalists.
- One winner will be chosen from the eligible nominations.



- To be considered for the award, nominations must be submitted through the Application form on the FCCLA Website by February 20, 2026.
- The recipient will be honored at the 2026 National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Adviser of the Year Rubric

CONTENT STANDARD 1.0: Foundational	0 Nominee does not meet any of the performance areas.	1 2 Nominee meets a limited number of the performance areas.	3 4 Nominee meets 5 out of the 8 performance areas	5 6 Nominee meets 6 out of the 8 performance areas	7 8 Nominee meets 7 out of the 8 performance areas	9 10 Nominee meets or exceeds all performance areas.
CONTENT STANDARD 2.0: Leadership Development and Career Pathways	0 Nominee does not meet any of the performance areas.	1 2 Nominee meets a limited number of the performance areas.	3 4 Nominee meets 3 out of the 6 performance areas	5 6 Nominee meets 4 out of the 6 performance areas	7 8 Nominee meets 5 out of the 6 performance areas	9 10 Nominee meets or exceeds all performance areas.
CONTENT STANDARD 3.0: Sustainable Chapters and Programs	0 Nominee does not meet any of the performance areas.	1 2 Nominee meets a limited number of the performance areas.	3 4 Nominee meets 4 out of the 7 performance areas	5 6 Nominee meets 5 out of the 7 performance areas	7 8 Nominee meets 6 out of the 7 performance areas	9 10 Nominee meets or exceeds all performance areas.
CONTENT STANDARD 4.0: Professional Community	0 Nominee does not meet any of the performance areas.	1 2 Nominee has limited evidence of meeting performance areas.	3 4 Nominee meets 1 out of the 2 performance areas	5 Nominee meets or exceeds all performance areas.		