CAREER CONNECTION
NATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

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FROM SELF-DISCOVERY TO CAREER READINESS

Career Connection helps FCCLA Members identify their strengths, explore workplace expectations, and prepare for future careers. Students connect personal interests and goals to career choices through practical classroom learning and student-led projects that build confidence for life beyond high school.

CAREER CONNECTION ESSENTIAL TOPICS

MY SKILLS	MY LIFE	MY CAREER	MY PATH
Identify strengths, interests, and goals while practicing the habits of productive and promotable employees.	Explore ways to balance responsibilities across careers, families, and communities.	Investigate work options, employment expectations, andstrategies to find and secure a job.	Create steps toward achievable career and lifestyle goals.

HOW CAREER CONNECTION WORKS

1. **LEARN:** Explore personal interests, workplace skills, Career Clusters, and pathways through inventories, discussion, research, and reflection.
2. **PLAN:** Use the FCCLA Planning Process to select a career-readiness need, identify an audience, set a goal, and measure progress.
3. **LEAD:** Deliver a career exploration or preparation project, gather feedback, and share what members learned.

INSIDE THE PROGRAM GUIDE

- 4 comprehensive units: My Skills, My Life, My Career, and My Path
- 8 ready-to-use lesson plans
- 300 interactive activities and classroom project opportunities
- Connections to employability skills, Family and Consumer Sciences instruction, and career exploration

WHAT PROJECTS CAN LOOK LIKE

- **CAREER EXPLORATION FAIR:** Invite professionals to share career pathways, education requirements, and everyday workplace skills. Students can collect questions beforehand and summarize the advice afterward.
- **INTERVIEW AND RESUME LAB:** Lead peer activities on applications, resumes, interviews, and professional communication. Pairs can practice responses, offer feedback, and record improvements.
- **WORK-LIFE CHOICES:** Create scenarios that help students practice balancing responsibilities and managing time. Participants can explain how their choices affect short- and long-term goals.
- **PERSONAL CAREER ROADMAP:** Research a career of interest, identify preparation steps, and share an actionable plan. Students can compare program requirements and set a next-step deadline.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Chapters may apply for a Career Connection National Program Award through the FCCLA Portal. Applications are due **March 1.**

- High School Award: $1,000
- Middle School Award: $1,000
- Runner-Up Award: $500

GET THE PROGRAM

Included with Membership Packages

The digital National Program Guide is included in the FCCLA Knowledge Hub with eligible chapter membership packages.

Digital guides may be purchased through the FCCLA Portal E-Store for $60.

Designed for classroom and chapter use, Career Connection connects Family and Consumer Sciences instruction to real career decisions through exploration, goal-setting, employability skills, and student-led learning.

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