



Guides students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects to improve the quality of life in their communities.

Community Service is a national FCCLA peer education program through which students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects to improve the quality of life in their communities. Through their projects, members experience character development and improve their critical and creative thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation. Youth leaders learn more about themselves, others, and the world so that they can make a difference now and in the future.

Engaging young people in service is more than a “feel good” activity. Service results in very real student learning in areas such as applied academics, career preparation, character development, and technical skills. Research shows that service has positive results for students’ current and future success. Problem-solving ability in real-life situations increases more for students engaged in service to the community, and young people learn valuable leadership skills such as critical thinking, group interaction, communication skills, organizational skills, empathy, patience, and flexibility. Service positions youth to learn about workplace roles, understand employers’ expectations, develop realistic ideas about careers, and meet adults who become role models and mentors. By interacting in the community, young people develop values and are seen as valuable resources and community assets.

- **Learn** – Students explore personal values, ethics, and ethical decision-making while evaluating their community needs.
- **Lead** – Students learn how to use their leadership skills to serve their community and how to transfer those servant leadership skills to the workplace.
- **Serve** – Students are introduced to the critical role community partnerships and advocacy play in serving the needs of others while also developing their own community-based service.

What’s Inside

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

- 3 Comprehensive Units
- 6 Ready-to-Use Lesson Plans
- Over 240 Interactive Activities

Classroom Impact

FCCLA’s Community Service program fosters student engagement in meaningful service projects. This resource helps students:

- Understand the importance of community involvement.
- Develop leadership skills through service.
- Plan and carry out service projects that meet local needs.
- Enhance their ability to collaborate with peers and community members.
- Build a sense of responsibility and citizenship.

Awards

FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete FCCLA Community Service projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition 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 Community Service Program Award Application.

Community Service Cash 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>

