COMMUNITY SERVICE
NATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

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STUDENT-LED SERVICE THAT STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES

Community Service helps FCCLA Members identify concerns and take meaningful action to improve life in their communities. Through service-learning projects, students build character, practice collaboration and leadership, and see how individual contributions can create lasting local impact.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ESSENTIAL TOPICS

LEARN	LEAD	SERVE
Examine values, ethical decision-making, and community needs before selecting a service focus.	Apply leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills in planning service for others.	Build partnerships, advocate for community needs, and carry out service that makes a difference.

HOW COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKS

1. **LEARN:** Listen to community members, investigate needs, map available resources, and consider whose perspectives are missing.
2. **PLAN:** Use the FCCLA Planning Process to define a service goal, identify partners, organize resources, and select success measures.
3. **LEAD:** Implement a service project, document participation and outcomes, and evaluate its effect on the community.

INSIDE THE PROGRAM GUIDE

- 3 comprehensive units: Learn, Lead, and Serve
- 6 ready-to-use lesson plans
- Over 240 interactive activities and service-learning opportunities
- Connections to ethical decision-making, community partnerships, and leadership development

WHAT PROJECTS CAN LOOK LIKE

- **COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT:** Survey residents or local organizations to identify a need and prioritize a realistic response. Use the results to select one achievable priority with partners.
- **ESSENTIAL ITEMS DRIVE:** Coordinate collection and distribution with a local agency based on its stated needs. Track items collected and document the receiving organization and impact.
- **INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTION:** Organize learning, technology, or creative activities with community members of different ages. Ask participants what activities would be most valuable before planning.
- **SERVICE IMPACT CAMPAIGN:** Recruit volunteers, document outcomes, and share how the project addressed an identified need. Compare outcomes with the original service goal and identify future needs.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Chapters may apply for a Community Service 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, Community Service turns Family and Consumer Sciences learning into purposeful service, ethical leadership, and hands-on community problem-solving.

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