



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a national Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education in public and private school through grade 12. FCCLA offers intra-curricular resources and opportunities for students to pursue careers that support families.

FCCLA aligns with the following criteria for a high-quality CTSO as defined in the *ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study Framework™*, an evidence-based set of standards for assessing quality in CTE programs of study developed by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE).



**A CTSO is an integral, intra-curricular part of the CTE program of study, available to every student at some point during the program of study.**

FCCLA is designed to be a part of the Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum. From Competitive Events to National Programs, there are multiple resources for supplementing and enhancing the FCS curriculum. FCCLA members explore career opportunities and build real-world skills by developing projects, engaging and participating in events, and competing regionally and nationally for scholarships and recognition.

**The CTSO is aligned with relevant national, state, and/or local standards.**

FCCLA provides lesson plans, national programs, competitive events, and professional development that align to national FCS standards. The FCS National Standards are the platform for state and local standards. FCCLA resources support career pathways including Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism, Education and Training, and Visual Arts and Design.

**CTSO activities develop and reinforce relevant technical, academic and employability knowledge and skills.**

FCCLA's Competitive Events are designed to help members develop specific lifetime skills in character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

**The CTSO provides opportunities for students to interact with business professionals.**

FCS courses and FCCLA provide the opportunity for students to develop skills for life and career preparation through work based learning programs in their schools and communities. Additionally, FCCLA hosts annual 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 from various FCCLA partners, connect with exhibitors and youth leaders, and develop employability skills.

**The CTSO provides opportunities for students to participate in relevant competitive events.**

Through participation in Competitive Events, FCCLA members gain employability skills and industry insight needed to thrive in the 21st Century. Members may choose from 50+ Competitive Events such as Career Investigation, Job Interview, Event Management, and Early Childhood Education.

**The CTSO provides opportunities for students to participate in relevant community and school service activities.**

FCCLA offers eight peer-to-peer educational programs, called National Programs. These programs help reinforce the FCS curriculum as members plan and implement service-learning projects that improve the quality of life within their schools and communities. FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters and individual members who complete projects for National Programs, including cash prizes.

**The CTSO provides opportunities for students to participate in leadership development activities.**

FCCLA is a student-led organization with leadership development as a primary focus. FCCLA members have the opportunity to become leaders within the organization and participate in the FranklinCovey® FCCLA Leadership Academy. In addition, students take responsibility for planning, implementing, and evaluating chapter projects and activities.

**The CTSO is supervised by CTE staff with clearly defined roles.**

FCCLA chapter advisers are credentialed professionals delivering intra-curricular leadership and career exploration opportunities in Family and Consumer Sciences education through comprehensive programs. FCCLA developed Adviser Professional Standards with learning outcomes developed by representatives from FCS leadership teams, secondary, and postsecondary instructors.