



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.