

2021 National Leadership Conference Frequently Asked Questions

Submit additional conference questions to meetings@fcclainc.org.

General:

Q: When will registration open?

A: Registration will open for members and advisers on April 1, 2021 at 7:00 AM ET and will be available on a first come, first served basis. The Competitive Events registration deadline is April 30, 2021. After April 30, 2021, guests will be able to register for any remaining in-person availability.

Q: If a chapter has a few members who will attend the virtual conference and other members who will attend in-person, will that be an option in the registration portal?

A: Yes. There will be a registration process that will allow split registrations as part of the process. Because this is a unique year and registrations are non-refundable, we ask that you review which version of the conference you will attend (virtual or in-person) carefully before hitting submit.

Q: If someone registers for in-person and needs to switch to virtual, is that possible?

A: Yes. All registered attendees will have access to the virtual platform. However, if an attendee registers to attend in-person and needs to make a change to attend virtually instead, they can switch their registration type in the FCCLA Portal by selecting the 'Cancel/Substitute Request' button and then select 'Change Registration Type.' If no longer attending in-person, you can cancel your room reservation without penalty until May 5, 2021. Please note there will be a fee of two (2) nights room and tax charged to the credit card used to hold the room when canceling your hotel reservation after May 5, 2021.

If you are registered for the in-person conference and can no longer attend, please change your registration type to the virtual conference to open up a spot for another registrant to attend the in-person conference.

Q: Is the cost the same for both the in-person and virtual conference?

A: Yes. Registration is \$45 less than pre-COVID NLC registration rates for both in-person and virtual. The cost to host a virtual conference is tied to the filming and online build of the virtual conference platform and is equally as expensive as conference set-up fees.

Q: When will a schedule be released for the conference?

A: An At-A-Glance schedule can be found on the National FCCLA website by selecting 'Attend/National Leadership Conference' and then under 'Resources.' Please note that the schedule is a work in progress and will be updated regularly so check back often for the most up-to-date copy.

In-Person Conference:

Q: Will attendees be required to stay at the Omni Nashville?

A: Yes. All attendees will be required to stay within the FCCLA hotel room block at the Omni Nashville Hotel to be permitted to attend the conference sessions. First priority will be given to State Advisers, affiliated Chapter Advisers, and students. After April 30, 2021, guests will be permitted to make reservations based on availability. All registered in-person attendees are required to stay a minimum of four (4) nights.

Q: Will any lodging rooms be reserved for states that have later state meetings?

A: No, because attendance is not connected to Competitive Events, members and advisers who would like to come should register and reserve rooms as soon as possible.

Q: What is the maximum number of people that can attend the in-person conference? Is there a possibility this number will be increased?

A: Right now, based on Nashville local COVID-19 restrictions and space limitations, we can only accommodate 800 attendees at the Omni Nashville Hotel. We will continue to monitor the local COVID regulations and announce if anything changes going forward. Once the in-person slots are sold out, you can continue to register for the virtual conference and add the in-person waitlist item to your registration. If more in-person spots become available, National FCCLA will notify those on the waitlist based on their registration time and date stamp.

Q: Will there be any tours or special events?

A: FCCLA will not be organizing any tours or special events but we have compiled a list of tour company options that can be found on the National FCCLA website on the 'Attend/National Leadership Conference/Things To Do' page. National FCCLA has arranged a \$5 discount for Grand Ole Opry tickets (see link on website) for the Tuesday, June 29 show for your group to attend on your own. In addition, National FCCLA has planned a casual and fun NLC After Party after the Closing General Session for in-person attendees. Pre-registration is required for this event.

Q: Will there be special waivers and agreements for in-person attendees to sign?

A: Yes. In order to attend in-person, registrants will have to sign a COVID Safety Agreement and Waiver Form to abide by all safety protocols identified in the Health and Safety Preparedness Plan required by FCCLA and health authorities. The plan and form can be found on the Health & Safety Protocols page on the NLC website. The COVID Safety Agreement and Waiver Form must be signed by all in-person attendees and turned in at the registration desk to pick-up your name badges and registration materials.

Competitive Events:

Submit additional Competitive Event questions to competitiveevents@fclclainc.org.

Q: Are any Competitive Events being held onsite in Nashville?

A: No. All Competitive Events will be held virtually this year. Be sure to review the updated Competitive Events information for virtual competition as posted here. Events with no changes to virtual competition guidelines should reference the *2020-2021 Competitive Events Guide*.

Q: Will STAR Events participants record their presentations like last year or will the students present live this year?

A: All virtual STAR Event participants will record their presentations and submit the required project URL by April 30, 2021. There will be no “live” competitions this year.

Q: When are STAR Event participants expected to have their documentation and oral presentation recording completed?

A: Each project URL is due at the time of registration, no later than April 30, 2021. All documents and files should be uploaded to the project URL by that time.

Q: Will National Staff review our project URLs this year as they did last year?

A: No. STAR Event participants must ensure that the items available through their project URL are viewable to anyone with the link. To ensure accessibility, please have someone outside of your school district’s network review the project URL and associated files. Any files not visible to evaluation teams will not be scored.

Q: What is the deadline for Competitive Events registration?

A: The Competitive Event registration deadline is April 30, 2021 at 5:00 PM ET for all STAR Events and the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl. No registrations will be accepted past that deadline.

Q: How will the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Championship be held this year?

A: Qualifying teams will compete virtually through the LifeSmarts competition platform.

Q: Will substitutions be allowed for virtual Competitive Events after the April 30, 2021 deadline?

A: No. The virtual process this year is on a tight timeline and substitutions will not be permitted.

Q: Will there be a STAR Events Recognition Session at NLC in Nashville?

A: The top three placements (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be recognized through the three NLC general sessions. There will not be a single recognition session for all STAR Event participants.

Elections:

Submit additional election questions to leadership@fclclinc.org.

Q: Will candidates be allowed to run if they cannot attend the in-person meeting?

A: Yes

Professional Development:

Submit additional professional development questions to leadership@fclclinc.org.

Q: Will the professional development and workshops be in-person?

A: The professional development and workshops will be delivered both in-person and on the virtual platform.

This document is accurate as of 3.31.2021 and will be updated as we receive additional questions and have more answers.