



## Virtual Leadership Experience Frequently Asked Questions

FCCLA is excited to offer our first-ever Virtual Leadership Experience (VLE) to enrich the resources available to our chapter advisers and members during the 2020-2021 school year.

### What is the purpose of the Virtual Leadership Experience?

The Virtual Leadership Experience is a virtual enrichment program for chapter advisers to integrate FCCLA into your Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) classroom with expert career leaders and other FCCLA leaders providing information and resources on FCS Career Pathways and FCCLA National Programs.

### What content will be available at the Virtual Leadership Experience?

FCCLA will have the following information, sessions, activities, and lesson plans available as a valuable resource on the VLE platform:

- FCS and FCCLA National Program and partner highlights
- FCCLA Chapter Management presentations
- Career Pathway lesson plans and interviews with industry experts
- National Program lesson plans with handouts and activities
- Real World Skills lesson plans
- Fundraising presentations
- Some of the best Virtual National Leadership Conference sessions
- National Executive Council motivational moments
- Skill Demonstration Event and FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl recognition
- Motivational speakers with activity resources
- FCS Industry and University Fair
- FCCLA Week planning board and celebration

### When is the Virtual Leadership Experience?

Access to the VLE platform will begin on December 8, 2020 and all videos and materials will be available through FCCLA Week ending on February 12, 2021. Competitive Events will take place in November 2020 and awards will be announced during VLE.

### Do we need to register for the Virtual Leadership Experience?

Chapters will need to register for VLE to get access to the FCS enrichment videos, lesson plans, and materials. The registration fee is \$150 for the whole chapter and provides access for every affiliated adviser and member once registered and paid. The chapter must be registered to allow affiliated members to participate in the Skill Demonstration Events and top 40 FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl.

### Are Skill Demonstration Events and FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl a part of the VLE?

Yes, Skill Demonstration Events and FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl (Top 40 qualified teams only) will take place virtually prior to the Virtual Leadership Experience. Participants must be in a VLE registered chapter in order to compete



in a Skill Demonstration Event or FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl team. Refer to the schedules included in the 2020-2021 Competitive Events Guide for additional information.

<b>September 15 – October 15:</b>	FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Online Team Testing ( <a href="http://www.lifesmarts.org">www.lifesmarts.org</a> )
<b>October 16:</b>	Notification of Top 40 FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Teams (will be notified by email and on the FCCLA website)
<b>October 26:</b>	Competitive Event Registration due (URL Links due at this time)
<b>November 2-6:</b>	Online Skill Demonstration Challenge Event Testing (login and other information will be emailed on October 27 to all registered participants)
<b>November 9-13:</b>	Skill Demonstration Event Evaluations
<b>November 16-20:</b>	FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Top 40 Team Interviews (as scheduled with qualifying teams)

#### **How do I register for the Virtual Leadership Experience?**

First, you and any members wishing to participate in Competitive Events and VLE must be affiliated prior to registering. Once you are ready, log into your FCCLA Chapter Portal, go to the 'Meetings & Events' tab. Select the 'Virtual Leadership Experience.' Select the 'Register Adviser' button and click next until you click 'Finish.' Select the red 'Accept Disclaimers' button and once that is complete, select the red 'Submit Registration' button and 'Confirm.' You and your entire chapter (all members who are affiliated) will be registered for VLE using the unique member ID and email address for each affiliated member.

#### **What information do I need to register a member for Skill Demonstration Events?**

Each chapter may submit up to three entries in each Skill Demonstration Event level. Members must be affiliated at the time of registration as well as registered for VLE. A video URL is required for all Skill Demonstration Events—EXCEPT the Challenge testing events. Registration and the video URL must be submitted by October 26, 2020. Event eligibility, dress code, and other information is found in the *2020-2021 Competitive Events Guide*, located in the FCCLA Adviser and Student Portals.

#### **How do I pay for my VLE or Competitive Event registration? When is payment due?**

Payment for VLE, Skill Demonstration Events, and FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl (Top 40 qualified teams only) registrations is due by December 4, 2020 to gain access to the VLE platform prior to opening. Payments can be made via credit card in the FCCLA portal or you can mail a check to the address provided on the invoice. If no members of your FCCLA chapter will be competing in a Competitive Event, you have until February 12, 2021 to register your chapter. Be sure to register early to have access of the virtual platform for the most amount of time.

#### **How do I know if my URL works correctly or if the evaluators have access to it?**

FCCLA will validate access to submitted URLs during the week of October 27-30, 2020. The chapter adviser will be notified by email if the link is able to be opened or if access to the project video was denied. Only projects that are accessible to evaluators will be able to be scored. The video file can be an embedded video, link to YouTube, Vimeo, or Google Drive, but must not require the viewer to download it.



**When will my student competitors know their results?**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Skill Demonstration Event winners and the top 16 FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl teams (and two alternates) will be recognized during the Virtual Leadership Experience on December 11, 2020. Advisers may download a certificate of participation for distribution to participants from the FCCLA portal. Individual student placement results may be obtained by clicking on the Membership ID number in the FCCLA portal or in the 'My Journey' section of the FCCLA Student Portal after December 11. Test scores and scored rubrics will not be returned to chapters or participants.

**Will we be able to download the lesson plans and handout/activities on the VLE platform?**

Yes, you can download any corresponding materials available that correspond to the content videos. However, the videos themselves cannot be downloaded but you will have access to show them in your classroom from December 8, 2020 through February 12, 2021. Your student members will also be able to access them at home or in the classroom during that timeframe.

**How do we log into the Virtual Leadership Experience platform?**

If your chapter has registered for the VLE, then all affiliated student members and advisers will be able to log into the platform. Each person can log into the virtual platform using a unique email address. Advisers, please make sure that you have a unique email addresses on file for each student to access the platform. As we get closer to the event, we will provide you with the VLE platform URL. You will need a computer, personal tablet, or mobile phone with internet access and your unique email address on file in the FCCLA portal to log in. Technical support will be available if you have issues logging into the platform.

**How do I get my administration to help fund our VLE registration and participation?**

To assist you in seeking support from your administration or partners, we have created a Request for Support Letter to allow you to edit to meet your specific needs. Once complete, you can share the letter with your school's administration to gain support and seek funding for your chapter's participation in FCCLA first-ever Virtual Leadership Experience. We think you will find the materials and videos valuable to integrate into your FCS classroom and curriculum. The letter can be found [here](#) on FCCLA's national website.

**What if a student wants to compete but our chapter is not registering for VLE?**

In order for a student member to compete, the chapter MUST register for the Virtual Leadership Experience. Due to event capacities, if a chapter is not registered for the VLE within two days of a member registering for a Skill Demonstration Event, the student event registration invoice will be removed and the student will no longer be registered for that event. The student can be re-registered to compete once the chapter is registered for the VLE.