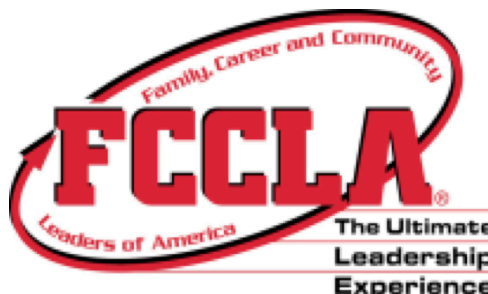


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ADVISER NEWSLETTER

2014-15 Washington FCCLA Website

We are regularly updating and posting information on wa-fccla.org. Continue to check the website for current happenings, information regarding Regional STAR Events, State Leadership Conference updates.

Bring a Fish Membership Activity

Amanda McGonigal, Director of Membership, has designed a “Bring a Fish Campaign” to get more people involved and in FCCLA. The idea was developed from “Finding Nemo” when Dory went to the sharks and they told her to “bring a fish friend”. Chapters have the opportunity to hold a “bring a fish” meeting once a month where each member is required to bring someone not already in FCCLA to a meeting. The meeting can be during lunch and to encourage participation there could be free food.

Chapters need to record the number of participants and increased membership. There will be “Bring a Fish” awards to the most effective and successful chapters at state.

There will be two separate awards. One award for increased participation in these meetings and one for social media outreach.

January 23rd, will be a statewide chapters meeting, where each chapter competes by advertising that day’s “Bring a Fish” meeting. Chapters all over the state will have a “Bring a Fish” meeting on that same day and publicize it with pictures of their chapter having fun at the meeting and hashtagging #BringaFish #FCCLAFamily #Region(X). The chapter with the most social media advertising will receive state recognition.

Each chapter must have a minimum of two “Bring a Fish” meetings in order to apply for recognition. The application for recognition is on Amanda’s page on our website. Go to wa-fccla.org and click on “From Your State Officers”, then click on “Increase Your Chapter Membership”.

National Affiliation

So far we have approximately 85 chapters that have signed into the National Affiliation site. Nationals would like me to pass on these reminders:

- You **MUST** “**Submit Affiliation**”. You can check your chapter’s progress by logging in. If you see the red “**Submit Affiliation**” button on the top menu, you have not submitted your members. If the red “**Submit Affiliation**” button is gone, you have submitted. You will know whether or not Nationals has received your payment by whether there is an “Affiliation Date” listed next to your member’s name. Once a member has been submitted, they cannot be deleted nor can their dues be refunded.
- **Log into the system and check the status of your membership.** You may think you have submitted members, but you may not have.
- Each member must be added as a new Chapter Member. There are **NO SUBSTITUTIONS**.
- If you do not have 12 members, put in the members you have. You will be charged for 12. As you add more members, you will have a credit up to the amount you were originally charged for 12 members.
- The system automatically **adds the Adviser dues** when you initially submit your affiliation.
- You can print your own membership cards for **PAID** members only.
- “**Chapter Name**”: I saw some interesting “Chapter Names”. Since your Regional, State and National STAR Event certificates will be printed from this system for years to come, I have gone in and entered your school name as your “Chapter Name”, and corrected your spelling and capitalization. 😊
- There is **NO LOCKBOX ADDRESS** anymore.
Please make sure your Bookkeeper sends district payment to this address:

**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
1910 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191**

- **CONSENT FORMS:** FCCLA is one of the last CTSO’s to go to an on-line Affiliation System. The CTSO’s with on-line affiliation that ask for student information require a consent form.

With regards to FCCLA, the student cell phone number is collected for the future use of an app and for meetings. FCCLA would like the ability to send push notifications and other important information through cell phones. **An adviser may provide a school or the adviser personal cell phone number in place of a student's in a case where this information is not available.**

Emails are used for competitive events, Leadership Academy, and will be used for Teen Times and a youth newsletter. **An adviser may provide a school or adviser email address in place of a student's in a case where this information is not available.**

The date of birth is important as FCCLA has a privacy policy in effect for students under age 13 due to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). This law states that FCCLA cannot store in our database any personal information for students under the age of 13 without consent from a parent/guardian. In order to know who is under 13, they are asking for a birthdate.

You can find that consent form by logging into the affiliation system, click the edit pencil next to the member's name, click the "Files" tab; there is a blue link to the right ("form"). All social media sites have privacy consent statements. Many of our younger members are already using social media.

Regional STAR Events

You must be affiliated (Nationals has received payment from your district) in order to register for your Regional STAR Events in January.

Directions for registering on-line will be sent out in January.

Leadership Academy Opportunity

Hi, my name is Rebekah Johansen and I am a senior at Forks High School. I am a former Washington State Officer and I was a National Officer Candidate at the 2014 National Leadership Conference. I now hold the position of Washington State Intern.

As the State Intern my job was to choose a project to work on throughout the state. I have chosen Leadership Academy. Each month I will be highlighting a Leadership Academy course for members to work on, so make sure to check the Leadership Academy page at wa-fccla.org. Members can take these courses on the National FCCLA website, on-line, for \$10 per member. (The \$10 charge covers any 10 courses).

At the State Leadership Conference I will be recognizing any members who are currently participating in Leadership Academy, along with those who completed a course during the 2013-2014 school year. Advisers, the form for Leadership Academy participation recognition can be found on the Leadership Academy page at wa-fccla.org.

At the State Leadership Conference in March, I will be making a presentation to the Chapter Advisers and presenting a workshop to the members, both about Leadership Academy. The 2015-2016 State Executive Council can also look forward to a presentation at their May Executive Meeting.

More information about Leadership Academy can be found on the National FCCLA website at <http://www.fcclainc.org/content/leadership-academy/>.

State Officer Application Due Date

State Officer Candidate Applications will be due February 15th. Hopefully that additional two weeks will help the candidates get that 1st semester transcript from their counselor.

State Leadership Conference Packet

The State Leadership Conference Packet will be posted on the website AND will be sent to you. Please read the packet very carefully; there have been some changes.

We are doing housing a little differently this year. ***Only schools booked by the State will be housed in the Conference Center Hotel. The hotel is reserved for state staff, state officers and their chapters and other VIP's.***

All other delegate housing can be made ***directly with the hotel of your choice.*** You will see the FCCLA rate on the housing page of the State Leadership Conference Packet and you may call the hotel of your choice at any time to reserve your rooms.

Your Wednesday lunch is now included as part of the package.

We will have a bylaw change proposal coming your way in January.

Jump\$tart Grants

Watch for information about additional Jump\$tart Grants. There will be more funds available and more grants awarded. What an opportunity for your chapters! New submission due date is January 16th.

National Leadership Conference

It's not too early to be making plans for National Leadership Conference, including: starting district approval paperwork and securing funding. This year's National Leadership Conference is in Washington D.C., a very educational and exciting location for our members. Plan ahead.

National Program Award Applications

Do you have an outstanding National Program Project that your chapter has developed? If so, apply for National Program Recognition. Let's see how many Washington applicants can submit their applications. Who knows, you may make it into the top 3 places. It could mean prize money for your chapter. National Program applications are available on the National website and are due March 1.

FCCLA @ the Table

The holidays are a perfect time for chapter members to pledge. Remind your members before they leave on break.

FCCLA WEEK

Monday February 9 -Friday February 13th

Check out our website for FCCLA Week Activities under “Chapter Opportunities” and the “Chapter Activities and Chapter Competitions for State Recognition” link. Get your members involved.

WA STATE FCCLA CALENDAR

Check the calendar for upcoming due dates