

STATE EVENTS

State events are **not** sponsored by the national organization. These events end with the state competition. First-place winners in these events **do not** advance to national competition.

- **Cake Decorating** - An *individual event*, allows the participant to demonstrate the ability to decorate a cake in a specified amount of time.
- **Children's Literature Presentation** - an *individual event*, child care student demonstrates acceptable and creative techniques while presenting an original piece of children's literature.
- **Creed Speaking and Interpretation** - an *individual event*, participants demonstrate the ability to recite and interpret the meaning of the FCCLA Creed.
- **Culinary Grill** - an *individual event, comprehensive or occupational* culinary arts student replicates an authentic work environment.
- **New Member Facts** - an *individual event*, allows participants to show their knowledge of the FCCLA organization by completing a written test.

WORK READY EVENTS

The purpose of “Work Ready” contests is to provide a competitive event for students with varying abilities. Students entering a Work Ready competition must be enrolled in a modified occupational or comprehensive family and consumer sciences course.

- **Child Care Teacher Aid** - An *individual event*, allows the participant to demonstrate proper hand washing, safety and diaper changing techniques.
- **Job Interview Contest** - An *individual event*, recognizes participants for their ability to utilize their interpersonal and communication skills to effectively participate in an interview and convey understanding of job requirements.
- **Table Setting** - An *individual event*, allows the participant to demonstrate the ability to set tables quietly and with maximum efficiency in a specified amount of time.

ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be current dues-paying members of an FCCLA chapter. Participants must be affiliated before registering to compete.

Only one entry in each event category will be accepted from each chapter for each event.

A member may participate in only one event at each level. Any student eliminated at a level will be eligible to enter another event originating at the next level.

Individual events evaluate one member's performance. *Team events* evaluate several participants or a chapter's performance as one entry. *Team events* may have up to **three** participants from the same school with the exception of the Parliamentary Procedure Event, which may have four to eight participants from the same chapter.

A participant on a first-place chapter *team* in a state-level event may not participate in the same event again unless the participant is eligible for another event category or unless the participant becomes a member of a different chapter. The exception to this policy is the Parliamentary Procedure Event.

An individual participant who is the first-place state winner in a state-level event may not participate in the same event again unless the participant is eligible for another event category.

Postsecondary students may enter all competitive events. They will compete in the level 3 division of the contest. Postsecondary participation ends at the state level for all national STAR events except Public Policy Advocate, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, Fashion Construction, Fashion Design, Interior Design and Teach and Train.

Participants must be registered on-line by the appropriate dead line.

PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

Participating in Competitive Events is an exciting, challenging, and fun experience. It provides opportunities for participants to share knowledge and hard work with others and recognizes them for their accomplishments. The instructions below will help prepare participants for competition.

1. Read the Competitive Events Manual thoroughly. It describes all rules and evaluation criteria.
2. Scheduled participation time will be announced at the orientation session. A non-biased method is used to determine the schedule (drawing numbers, random assignment, alphabetical order, etc.). Participants will be notified of the time period their event is scheduled but will not know the exact time until they get to the contest site. Changing schedules with other participants is not permitted.
3. Participants must view the online event orientation. Failure to turn in the online orientation form will result in a point deduction. At the contest, the lead consultant will:
 - take attendance
 - collect any information or materials to be submitted
 - determine order of participation
 - clarify any questions about the event rules, procedures, or evaluation criteria
4. Each event will have its own specific time schedule and sequence of activities. Read through the event rules for this information. Some general procedures are:
 - Appear at the designated room 30 minutes prior to participation time.
 - The evaluators will ask questions after the presentation. Videotaping and/or audio recording of events is not allowed.
5. Chapter advisers should ensure that identical presentations of the same project are not entered into STAR Events more than one year.
6. The events recognition session at each level is an opportunity for friends, advisers, and administrators to recognize achievements and to share in the excitement for having participated in competitive events.
7. Take any questions or concerns to the headquarters room.

DISQUALIFICATION

Disqualification is unfortunate for everyone concerned—participants, advisers, and the lead consultant. To avoid unnecessary disappointment, keep in mind the causes for disqualification.

1. **Failure to be an affiliated member.** It is the participants' responsibility to support the organization that makes these opportunities available to them. One is not a member until dues are paid.
2. **Projects entered in more than one event.** It is the chapter adviser's responsibility to ensure that chapter projects are not entered in more than one event.
3. **Participation of students or adults in behavior that negatively affects the management of STAR Events or failure to display a positive image of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America organization before, during, or after participating in STAR Events may result in disqualification for the student(s) and/or adult(s) and/or eligibility of the student(s) and/or adult(s) for participation the following year.**

EVENT CATEGORIES

1. An event category is determined by the participant's grade in school during the current school year. Current or previous enrollment in Family and Consumer Sciences course work is required.
2. Event categories are defined as:

Oklahoma (State) Events Categories

- **6-8 grades**—FCCLA chapter members in Grades 6, 7 and 8;
- **9-10 grades**—FCCLA chapter members in Grades 9 and 10;
- **11-12+**—FCCLA chapter members in Grades 11, 12 and postsecondary;

State FCCLA competitive events at district, regional, and state levels may involve secondary and postsecondary students competing in the same category. The evaluators will rank students as first, second, or third place in each category

National Events Categories

- **Level 1**—FCCLA chapter members through grade 8.
- **Level 2**—FCCLA chapter members in Grade 9th – 10th.
- **Level 3**—FCCLA chapter members in grades 11th – 12th. Including Occupational and Postsecondary members.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. Participants in competitive events must be affiliated members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. ***Affiliation must be paid before a chapter can register***

Participants who are competing on the state level must be affiliated by March 1.

2. Use on-line registration for all levels of participation.

3. Competitive event fees are \$5 per person; per level, culinary arts & parli pro teams are \$30 per team; per level. **A chapter cannot register for the next level of competition until all fees are paid.** STAR Event fees are nonrefundable.

4. State Executive Council members may not enter FCCLA Competitive Events since they are expected to assist with them at the state level.

State Executive Council members may compete in the contests sponsored by groups or agencies outside the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, such as American Farmers and Ranchers, National FCCLA Skill Demonstration Events, Career Connection, FACTS, etc.

5. Official dress is **required** for all district, regional, state, or national events except culinary arts events.

6. No video or audio recordings are to be made **during** event performances.

7. Spectators are not allowed to observe any portion of the events.

8. All events which begin at the district level continue at the regional level. First-place district winners automatically advance to

the region level. Second place winners with a score of 80 or above will automatically be moved to the next level of competition.

9. Events which begin at the district and region levels will continue at the state level. First-place winner's information will automatically be moved to the next level of competition. Second place winners with a score of **80 or above** will automatically be moved to the next level of competition.

10. Each participant will receive a certificate at each level of competition.

11. First-place winners will receive a blue ribbon at the district level, a small gold medal at the regional level, and a gold medallion at the state level. The chapter of the first-place state winner in each event will receive a plaque.

Second-place winners will receive a red ribbon at the district level, a small silver medal at the regional level, and a silver medallion at the state level.

Third-place winners will receive a white ribbon at the district level, a small bronze medal at the regional level, and a bronze medallion at the state level of competition.

12. All participant rubrics will be returned to the region program specialist at the contest site for all levels of competition. The rubrics will be returned to the adviser after competition.

National Event Category Exceptions

In the event that all the National event categories do not exist in a state level contest that proceeds to National competition, the following rules will apply:

- If the first and second place *individuals/teams* are of different event categories, both winners will be allowed to represent Oklahoma at the national events in the respective/appropriate event categories.

First and second place participants must score a **80 or above** to compete in national competition.

INTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Participation in Competitive Events is an exciting, challenging and fun experience. It provides opportunities for FCCLA members to share knowledge and hard work with others, and to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Competitive Events strengthen the Family and Consumer Sciences program by increasing student motivation and providing a framework for authentic learning experiences.

Alignment of STAR Events to national educational initiatives and standards, Career Clusters, and National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences can be downloaded at www.fcclainc.org/content/resources.