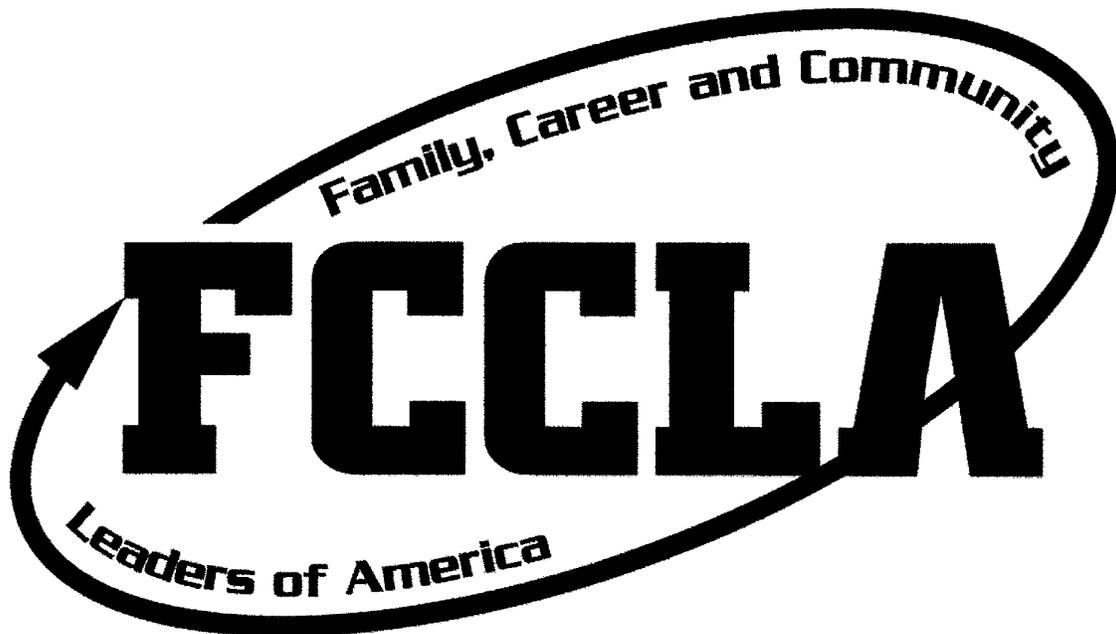


Illinois  
Family, Career and  
Community Leaders  
of America



Proficiency Events  
Handbook  
2020-2023

## **FORWARD**

The fundamental purpose of education is to give all students the best possible opportunities and support to achieve their highest potential – in school, in the workplace and in life. More than ever before, we live in a rapidly changing world where work requires a mastery of advanced academic, and career and technical skills. The opportunities available through FCCLA address a variety of ways that support Illinois educational initiatives.

Participation in competitive events allows students to demonstrate what they know and are able to do. Participation also provides student/members with experiences to learn how to organize a project, work and learn with others and have pride in accomplishment. While each event has a specific focus, the competitive event experience can provide opportunities for student members to:

- achieve Illinois Learning Standards and Family and Consumer Sciences Career and Technical Skills
- explore careers
- develop leadership skills
- learn through a variety of instructional and assessment strategies
- develop partnerships with businesses and communities

The Illinois Proficiency Events and National STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events add value to the Family and Consumer Sciences classroom by challenging students to take responsibility for learning and preparing them for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## INTRODUCTION

**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is an integral part of the family and consumer sciences education program.** In the local school, this means chapter projects and activities enhance family and consumer sciences programs of study. Chapters give students expanded opportunities for knowledge application, leadership training, community involvement and personal growth. Through their involvement, students apply classroom knowledge, sort out thoughts, analyze situations, set goals, interact with others, and become leaders in today's --- and tomorrow's --- families, careers and communities.

State Proficiency Events are activities sponsored by Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, which enable members to demonstrate proficiency and achievements in occupational preparation, leadership skills and chapter projects. **Active student participation is the goal for these events.**

These events create ideal opportunities for students to develop and apply family and consumer sciences skills while demonstrating mastery of the national family and consumer sciences standards.

### **Family and Consumer Sciences National Standards**

Career, Community, and Family Connections	Consumer and Family Resources
Consumer Services	Early Childhood, Education and Services
Facilities Management and Maintenance	Family
Family and Community Services	Food Production and Services
Food Science, Dietetics, and Nutrition	Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
Housing, Interiors, and Furnishing	Human Development
Interpersonal Relationships	Nutrition and Wellness
Parenting	Textiles and Apparel

The projects' "end products" ---- portfolios, project reports, skills demonstrations and more --- offer relevant, authentic means to assess student learning.

## EVENT REGULATIONS

### ENTRIES

Participants must be affiliated members with state and national **dues paid by February 1** of the current year.

During the current school year, the entrant must participate and be evaluated in the registered event **at least one time prior to state conference at a section FCCLA competition**. A participant does NOT need to receive a gold medal rating at the section level to compete at state conference. Because this is a learning experience, the participant may make improvements to the entry before the state competition. You may enter as many participants as you wish at the section level.

*Each chapter must provide one adult event helper (room consultant or evaluator) for every five entries in the state proficiency events at the state competition. Failure to do so may result in entries being eliminated from the competition.*

**Notice: Some events have specific problems designed for each year. Be sure participants do the correct problem.**

### **Which category should a student compete in?**

Students enrolled in an occupational course, work internships, shadowing programs, occupational Food Service courses, etc. must enroll in the event number identified as **occupational**. A course funded by the State of Illinois as occupational would lead to this classification. Check with your department chair, career and technical director or person in charge of funding for your district if you have questions about how your school's courses are identified. Students not enrolled in an occupational course are classified as **comprehensive** and should be entered in the Senior category. If at least one team member is in grades 10-12, the team **must** be entered in the Senior event category. If at least one team member is an Occupational student, then the team **must** be entered in the Occupational event category.

A **team** may be up to 3 people working together on the same project. Double check individual event specifications to be sure that the event category allows for a team entry.

## **LOCATIONS**

Event section competitions will be held during the second semester and prior to March 1. The state competition will be held during the annual State Leadership Conference in April.

## **AWARDS**

A Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal will be given for everyone who registered and completed the event. If everyone is Gold Medal caliber, then everyone will receive a Gold Medal rating. From the Gold Medal ratings, a Most Outstanding winner will be selected by the evaluators. This will be based on numeric rating and assessment of performance. Those receiving Most Outstanding distinction will receive a special certificate in addition to their medal.

## **EVALUATORS**

Evaluators may be from the following groups:

- Professionals/ individuals knowledgeable in the field related to the event

- Adviser with expertise in the event and no entrants in the event

- College student majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences field(s)

- Knowledgeable FCCLA Alumni

## **APPLICATIONS**

An individual member may NOT participate in more than one proficiency event in any given year. Each participant is limited to one entry/ project in that event.

Application forms to enter the events will be included with State Conference registration information. The official application must be submitted by the chapter along with a check for the total number of entries. All delegates must register for State Leadership Conference and pay the registration fee. This is in addition to the event entry fee. **A copy of the affiliation form with the participant's name(s) highlighted should accompany the application form to verify that dues have been paid.**

## **VERIFICATION**

**Once event entries have been received for the State Conference competition, a list of event entries will be sent to the Adviser for verification. Advisers should verify the entries and then notify the state office of any changes or that everything is correct.**

## **ENTRY FEES**

The event entry fee for EACH participant is being charged to help cover the costs of running the events. The event entry fee is in addition to the State Conference registration fee.

## **ADVISER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Be sure first and second semester dues are paid early to show support for the organization and to assure you will receive all of the necessary information.

Be sure the participant has a current copy of all of the event specifications for the event in which the participant is entered.

Advisers must guide students so that they do not have scheduling conflicts. The following groups will most likely have scheduling conflicts with events.

Voting delegates

State Officer Candidates

Each **chapter must provide one adult event helper** (room consultant or evaluator) **for every five entries** in the state proficiency events at the state competition.

**All advisers registering student participants in events during State Leadership Conference will be required to assist in one of the following capacities:**

**Room Consultant or Evaluator**

**Advisers who do not indicate preferences will be assigned to events and duties as needed. Only through cooperation and professionalism can events be offered.**

**No additions, changes, substitutions or refunds will be allowed after the forms have been received by the executive director.**

**Absolutely, no late entries will be accepted after the deadline printed on the website.**

When a registered student is unable to compete, call 217-728-2787 and leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail: [ilfccla@gmail.com](mailto:ilfccla@gmail.com). The following information is needed: school name, event name and number and the name(s) of the participant(s). Be sure to report "no shows" if a participant drops out at the last minute.

Each event will have an event coordinator who will be in charge of the event at State Leadership Conference. The events will be coordinated by the Executive Director and a team of adult volunteers.

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