MONTANA FCCLA

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Welcome Back!

It's a new year, full of new opportunities, and Montana FCCLA is here to support you as you Dare to Dream! Check out this issue of the Montana FCCLA Newsletter full of updates and join us on social media so that you don't miss out!



Fall Leadership Rally



Time is running out to register for the 2024 Montana FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally! Don't miss your chance to meet members from other chapters, grow your leadership skills, and Dream to Achieve your personal and chapter goals for the coming year! Training options include Chapter Officer, for chapter and district officers, Chapter Leader, for newer chapter members, and State Outreach Leaders, for those looking to lead through the Families First State Outreach Project. Be sure to register by September 1 for the best rates! Full details are found on our website.

Spotlight on Service

FCCLA is all about service and it is now easier than ever to submit service hours! Use this <u>Google Form</u> every time you and your chapter has hours to submit, then chapter advisers receive a quarterly email with the statistics. Be sure to submit your service hours regularly to receive recognition for your efforts!















State Outreach Project

Families are undoubtedly an impactful influence on who we are and what we become. That's why building strong families is so important. The Montana FCCLA State Outreach Project for 2024-25 is Families First, which means your chapters have so many opportunities to support families in your local communities.

Through a partnership with Zero to Five Montana, FCCLA chapters are eligible to receive a copy of the FCCLA National Program Families First, full of engaging activities to help chapters as they work to peer educate others about the importance of families and strategies we can implement to make them stronger.

Chapters are also encouraged to apply for mini-grants of up to \$200 to support community outreach projects designed to support local families. Thanks to the Gianforte Family Foundation for funding these grant opportunities.

Be sure to complete your State Outreach Project report by March 1 so that your chapter can showcase their Families First efforts and earn recognition. Full details about all these opportunities can be found on the Montana FCCLA website.









Being an FCCLA Chapter Adviser is a big job---and we want to help your advising experience to be a great one! Join us to learn more about how the organization works, network with other advisers, and get inspired with new ideas and strategies for your chapter! Montana FCCLA is offering the following professional development opportunities and all are free to Montana FCCLA advisers.



- Adviser Communities: This community-style mentoring experience helps newer advisers prepare
 for upcoming events, while all participants have the opportunity to network and get inspired with
 new ideas. Meet in a way that works for you and your group once a month to discuss timely
 prompts related to chapter management and events. Join here by October 1.
- **Weekly Office Hours:** Questions for Tracey? You can always email, but your State Director will also be available on Tuesdays from 4PM-5PM. Hop on a Zoom for answers, ideas, or just to say hi
- **Welcome to Montana FCCLA New Adviser Training:** This series of four, one hour, weekly sessions will help you build a strong foundation for a successful chapter. Register here for these specialized sessions, August 27-September 17 starting at 4:30.
- **Monthly Adviser Webinars:** Held once a month at 4:30, these sessions focus on updating advisers and sharing ideas for chapter activities and FCCLA resources.
- Hybrid Conference: Scheduled for December 9 with a focus on Families First, our State Outreach
 Project. Advisers network, collaborate, and learn either virtually or at one of our six host sites. More
 details coming soon!

Join any of the virtual meetings or join Office Hours by using this **Zoom link**.











State Executive Council Goals



By Kiarra Michalson, Montana FCCLA First Vice-President, Gallatin

This year as a part of the State Executive Council, our goals include increasing total membership by 15%, having 1/3 of our Members compete at the state conference, and to promote chapter engagement with an increased social media presence. We are excited to increase the engagement and excitement of our members throughout this next year, whilst spotlighting chapters from around the state through their successes. We hope to share the work and community service projects each of our chapters have been working on through our Instagram. Personally, I hope to work alongside my team to not only achieve our 3 main goals, but also to increase the number of applicants for chapter, district, state, and national office. We are working hard to create new exciting experiences for everyone involved in FCCLA, and to make this a year you won't forget!

Montana FCCLA Week of Service

Once again, Youth Service America (YSA) has teamed up with Montana FCCLA to encourage chapters to develop a plan to serve others within their communities. YSA is funding chapter outreach projects designed to serve others, with at least one component of the project happening between January 18-25.

Chapters may apply for mini-grants to fund the local outreach projects, with a maximum award of \$200. Successful projects will be student-led and encourage others in the community to get involved and help to make a positive difference alongside FCCLA members. Applications can be submitted on the FCCLA website and are due October 15. Final grant reporting is due by March 1.

Go For The Red

Did you know Montana FCCLA increased membership by 22% in 2024-25? Did you also know there is a national campaign to recognize chapters and members who are rock-star recruiters? Go For The Red is FCCLA's membership recruitment campaign. Members and chapters can win fabulous prizes simply by recruiting members and sharing how they did it here. Some membership ideas include:

- Sponsor a "bring a buddy" campaign. Have each member bring at least one friend to a chapter or district/regional meeting and then encourage that person to join FCCLA.
- · Challenge each member to ask three other people to join. It never hurts to ask! Explain to students the Go For the Red membership campaign as an incentive.
- Volunteer to help with new student orientation programs, including FCCLA as a potential activity for students.

Find more ideas, or submit your award application here













Running for District Office

By Maddy Johnston, Vice-President of Competitive Events, Fergus

For most, the idea of running for a district or sometimes even a chap racking, but Montana FCCLA is here to help you! Here are the steps to becoming a district officer. The first thing you should do is communicate with your advisor. Not only is Montana FCCLA here to help, your advisor is also more than willing to assist you. Together you and your advisor can come up with a game plan for your election. Next, it is very important to look over officer duties. All district officers have different roles and responsibilities. For example, the secretary's main role is to take all district meeting minutes, the president is incharge of planning and creating an agenda for all meetings, the vice president is in charge of handling meetings in the absence of the president, and the treasurer is in charge of the finances of the district. Depending on your district there may be more or less officer positions to choose from. Another thing that is vital when running for a district office is to educate yourself on FCCLA knowledge. Before your district meeting there will be a knowledge test you have to take. This will include random FCCLA facts, national programs, competitive events, and more. You will also have to write a short speech to give in front of your district, but make sure to be creative and professional about it. It's good to make it fun to catch the audience's attention, but you still need to uphold a certain professionalism. And the last thing is to just have fun. Even if you don't end up winning your election, you should still enjoy the memories you make and appreciate the experience you gained from running for district office. Learn more about elections at the Montana FCCLA website.

Montana FCCLA Contests

To kick off the new year, Montana FCCLA is hosting a variety of contests for chapters as they Dare to Dream in the 2024-25 year!

Bulletin Board Contest--create a bulletin board in your school, following the competition guidelines, then send in a photo for voting on social media. Deadline is **September 27**

SLC T-Shirt Design--You could see YOUR shirt design on the next Montana FCCLA SLC shirt! The top five designs will be featured on social media for voting. Deadline is **October 2**; be sure to review all contest rules.

Speak out for Montana FCCLA Video Contest—Record a short video sharing what is so great about Montana FCCLA! A winner will be selected from each of the two competition levels. Be sure to review all contest rules; deadline is **January 14.**

Advisers have the opportunity for recognition, too! Our **Lesson Plan Incentive** offers awards for advisers sharing exemplary and extensive lesson plans centered around an FCCLA National Program or STAR Event. Be sure to review all competition rules, deadline is **November 1.**

Check out mtfccla.org for full details on all these events.





















Vision Zero





Traffic safety is an issue that impacts everyone. Montana FCCLA and the Montana Department of Transportation have been partnering for years in an effort to include members in local traffic safety efforts. Our partnership continues into the 2024-25 year, with Vision Zero grants, awards, and presentations.

Look for the **Vision Zero workshops at your District Meetings**, where chapters can learn the basics about implementing a successful chapter project! Chapter leaders will also learn more about this incredible opportunity at the **Fall Leadership Rally.** Watch for the Vision Zero Toolkit for Chapters coming soon!

Develop plans now for your chapter's traffic safety outreach efforts. If you are not sure where to begin, check out some summaries from last year's projects at this link. Funding for projects is available, with a priority deadline of November 15 and a final deadline of December 6.

After completing your project, be sure to submit the final report by March 1 to be eligible for state-level awards.

COA and You

Hey students! Welcome back to school!

Did you have a job over the summer? Was this job in the hospitality or service industry? Do you plan to continue working at this job during the academic year? If you answered yes to these questions, you qualify to earn your Certificate of Achievement (COA for short)!! A COA requires putting in hours (you can use job hours, concession stand help, and other types of hospitality work) and mastering some skills. I bet you already have mastered many of these! Examples include:proper handwashing, showing up to work on time, measuring ingredients accurately, can count change back correctly, and many other things. While there are some specific technical and culinary skills on the list, it is not as intimidating and advanced as you might think. Earning a COA can help you stand out from other job applicants for future career opportunities. It is nationally recognized and proves that you have experience and a hard work ethic. It could even help you get paid more than a starting wage!

This IS an achievable certificate to earn, you've got this! It will benefit you in many ways if hospitality/culinary are in your future plans!

Talk with your advisor or reach out to me at jordan@mtfccla.org for more information.











Ultimate Chapter Award





What is the Ultimate Chapter Award?

The FCCLA Ultimate Chapter Award is the highest honor an FCCLA Chapter can receive, recognizing those and serving to honor chapters that distinguish themselves through exceptional commitment and achievement. From robust member recruitment and retention efforts to career preparation, impactful service projects, leadership development, Competitive Events success, and effective communication, the Ultimate Chapter Award celebrates chapters that consistently go above and beyond to provide an outstanding leadership experience for their members. Earning this award signifies a chapter's unwavering dedication to preparing members for career success and making a difference in their schools, communities, and members' lives.

Ready to Get Started?

Begin your journey toward excellence today! Log in to the FCCLA Portal, explore the Ultimate Chapter Award tab, and start completing optional opportunities for points. Involve your members, set goals, and track your chapter's progress as you work toward achieving the highest chapter honor FCCLA offers.

Making a Tasty Local Impact

Finding a way to impact local community needs is at the heart of FCCLA. Lexie Wichman of the Moore FCCLA Chapter did exactly that with her Beef to School project titled, "Beef. It's What's For Lunch". She started at the local level and worked with her superintendent to create an application for local ranchers

interested in donating a beef to the school food program and a checklist for the school Beef Committee to guide the process from year to year. Then she took it to the school board for approval and created a procurement policy for local beef and hopefully other products in the future. Lexie's efforts resulted in better school lunches for her and her peers at a reduced price to the local district. Imagine how great lunches might be all across the state with this project replicated in other districts! Lexie went on to earn first place in the nation for this project, which was also her STAR Event. Learn more about Lexie's project here and consider reaching out to local ranchers about helping to improve the school lunches in your area.















DARE TO DREAM OF
YOUR DESIGN ON THE
2025 MONTANA FCCLA
SLC SHIRT!





SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN

BY OCTOBER 2

The top five entries will be featured on our social media accounts for public voting Review the complete <u>contest rules</u> before submitting





Speak Out for Montana FCCLA

CONTIEST

- Show off your marketing, content creation, and public speaking skills to promote Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA. Contest is open to all affiliated members of Montana FCCLA
- Research, write, deliver, and record a video of up to 5 minutes in length. Full competition guidelines are found <u>here</u>
- Members of the Montana FCCLA Programming Committee will use the included rubric when evaluating entries.
- One winner at each of the two event levels (under grade 9, and grades 10-12) will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.
- Scan the QR code and complete the Google Form to enter by January 14, 2025. Questions? Email director@mtfccla.org











- Ready-to-implement curriculum materials with FCCLA integrated serve all our teachers and strengthen our organization, reducing teacher workload, offering support and encouraging teacher retention.
- Providing high-quality curricular materials can help to improve the quality of FCS instruction across the state, and offer support for those interested in home school/virtual membership complete the curriculum requirement for FCCLA membership.
- Through November 1 Montana FCCLA is accepting submissions for the Montana FCCLA Lesson Plan Incentive. To be eligible for consideration, lessons will be submitted using this standardized template, with all components and support materials included. Submissions should be emailed to director@mtfccla.org
- Newember 1:December 1: The Montana FCCLA Board of Directors Programming Committee will use the rubric in the template to review submissions, selecting up to six for recognition and awarding them with a \$150 Amazon.gift card. This incentive is open to all chapter advisers affiliated with Montana FCCLA for the 2024-25 academic year.
- ByJanuary selected lessons will be posted on the Montana FCCLA website for access by all Montana FCCLA chapter advisers.
- Choose an FCCLA National Program or STAR Event to showcase in your lesson.
- Make a copy of the template; replacing all items in green font with lesson information.
- Include all handouts, resources, links, assessments, etc. necessary to teach the lesson—think of it like a plan you might leave for a substitute!
 Top-notch submissions will include all elements of the plan, as well as all required materials. Need inspiration? Check out Montana FCCLA Classroom integration on our website.





JOIN US FOR

FALL RALLY

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2024

BILLINGS CONVENTION CENTER

Tentative Conference Program Includes:

- · Keynote Crissy Lauterbach
- · FCCLA Leadership Training with Brooklynn Gross, FCCLA Leadership Training Team
- · State Outreach Project Training with Nicole Wanago, Ph. D.; Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Teacher Educator at Montana State University
- Chapter Planning Time
- · District Meetings
- · Trivia Night and attendance prizes





- Two Chapter Leader attendees
- Two Chapter Officer attendees
- Two State Outreach Project training attendees

Additionally, all District and State Officers, and Chapter Advisers







Nicole Wanago

Brooklynn Gross

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Register online at mtfccla.org

Crissy Lauterbach

Reserve places; add names by September 1

\$150

Register your members between September 2-15

LODGING

- · Billings Hoel & Convention Center
- \$115 per quad room plus taxes; includes free breakfast
- · To register, visit https://billingshotelmt.com or call 406-248-7151. Use code 59383
- Room block is released September 1

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Registration fee includes conference materials, dinner Sunday, lunch Monday, and an FCCLA beanie!





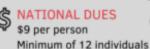
2024-25 Membership Affiliation Options

Montana Chapters have four affiliation options to choose from. This includes three packages that allow Perkins Funding as payment to mitigate chapter fundraising and individual payment participation barriers for students and families. along with an option exclusively for middle-level chapters, serving students up to grade 9.



TRADITIONAL AFFILIATION

This is a continuation of past membership affiliation processes. Each student grades 6-12 who engages with or benefits from FCCLA programming is affiliated. Affiliation dues are paid from chapter fundraising or an individual/family fee.





\$9 per person No Minimum



CHAPTER DUES

\$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming



MIDDLE LEVEL PACKAGE

27 or more members, grade 9 or younger.

NATIONAL DUES

Email Tracey to obtain the chapter fee waiver code!

\$135

(based on 15 members; over 15 members are free)



\$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Office: Programming

*USING THIS PACKAGE REQUIRES A SEPARATE CHAPTER AFFILIATION

THE CHAPTER FEE IS WAIVED FOR SCHOOLS ALSO AFFILIATING A SEPARATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER.

*PERKINS FUNDING MAY BE USED TO PAY WITH THE MIDDLE LEVEL PACKAGE



TOP 25 AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Up to 25 members.

NATIONAL DUES

STATE DUES

\$180 (this includes 5 free memberships)



CHAPTER DUES

\$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming



BIG SKY UNLIMITED AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Unlimited chapter members.

\$405 (based on 45 members; over 45 members are free)



CHAPTER DUES

\$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming



Membership packages include numerous chapter adviser and student benefits.

- Flat-rate payment can occur via Perkins Funding, eliminating permember dues solicitation and enhancing equity by reducing participation barriers.
- · Chapters receive a National FCCLA program of their choice with 70+ lesson plans to integrate FCCLA into the classroom (\$75 value).
- · Free National FCCLA Chapter Adviser affiliation (\$9 value).
- One (1) Adviser Academy Registration (\$90 value).
- One (1) Lifetime Alumni & Associates membership for any one of their choice (\$150 value).

LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR THE TOP 25 AND BIG SKY PACKAGES

- Chapter Benefits: Montana CTE funding provides \$400 for existing chapters + a per-member allocation. Increased 2024-25 membership will increase your 2025-26 CTE funding allocation.
- State Benefits: House Bill 86 funding, which comprises most of FCCLA state funding, is heavily based on membership. Increased statewide membership means additional funding to support chapter advisers and provide student leadership opportunities.













Priority application deadline: November 15 Final grant application deadline: December 6 Visit mtfccla.org for full details



Any Montana FCCLA Chapter who completing traffic safety programming in their community is encouraged to submit an activities report to be eligible for a cash award (even if your chapter did not receive a grant).



If your chapter receives a Vision Zero traffic safety grant, this report is mandatory

Offered through a partnership between the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and the Montana Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Questions? Contact Sheila Cozzie, 406-444-7301 scozzie@mt.gov









Montana FCCLA Week of Service



MAKE A DIFFERENCE--STATEWIDE!

Montana FCCLA has partnered with Youth Service America (YSA) to offer chapter mini-grants for community outreach projects held in conjunction with MLK Day of Service

All chapters are encouraged to participate and make a positive difference statewide!

Consider utilizing YSA's resources to develop your project plan

CHAPTER MINI-GRANT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Chapter must be affiliated with Montana FCCLA
- Up to \$200 may be awarded to support supplies for a project addressing a need in the chapter's local community
- At least one component of the project must take place between January 18-25, the Montana FCCLA Week of Service





EXPAND YOUR PARTICIPANTS

Projects must be youth-led and:

- Engage middle and high-school aged students
- Include non-members, students from low-income and diverse backgrounds, and students who are not usually asked to participate

ALL THE DETAILS



October15: Applications due on our <u>website</u>
November 1: Application results announced
March 1: Final report, photos, and receipts due.
Payments will be issued by late March.
Email director@mtfccla.org with any questions,













Session 1: Where Do I Begin?

This session will help you understand what FCCLA is and how it all works. Attendees will develop strategies to secure administrator and parent support, and gain membership recruitment strategies.

Session 2: Build A Strong Foundation

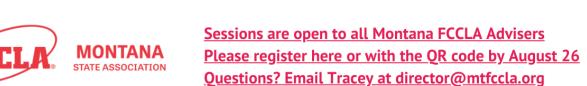
This session focuses on building your chapter leadership and organizing your first chapter meetings. Don't miss out on great chapter meeting resources!

Session 3: Maximize Your **Involvement**

You've got the basics covered, now it's time to add elements to your chapter plans to really make it shine! National Programs, State Outreach Project, and Service Hours will be highlighted in this session.

Session 4: Maintain The Momentum

With a solid plan for the year, it's important to keep the momentum going! We will explore competitive events options, Montana's Adviser Communities, share resources for idea inspiration, and strategies for surviving the first year!









MONTANA STATE ASSOCIATION

MONTANA FCCLA ADVISER WEBINAR SERIES

Webinars are held via Zoom monthly at 4:30PM

Join us for networking, information, and inspiration

For more information, contract Tracey at director@mtfccla.org 2024-25
Webinar
Schedule
(subject to change)

Sept. 11 Families First State

Outreach Project

Oct. 9 Classroom

Integration of FCCLA

Nov. 13 Competitive Events

Dec. 11 Stepping Outside

Your Comfort Zone

Jan. 10 State Leadership

Conference Updates

Feb. 14 Work/Life Balance

March 6 SLC Reminders

April 10 Incorporating Service

Opportunities

May 8 Chapter Fundraising

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