

DISTRICT III FCCLA CONSTITUTION
November 10, 2008

ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A: The name of this association shall be Montana Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, District III. Members are hereinafter referred to as Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. The letters FCCLA may be officially used to designate the association, its chapters or members thereof.

Section B: The purpose for which this association shall serve are as follows:

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
2. To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.
3. To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.
4. To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
5. To promoting greater understating between youth and adults.
6. To provide opportunities for decision-making for assuming responsibilities.
7. To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
8. To promote family and consumer sciences and related occupations.

Section C: The creed of this association shall be as follows:

We are the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America
We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

For we have the clear consciousness of seeking
Old and precious values
For we are the builders of homes,
Homes of America's future,
Homes where the living will be the expression of everything
That is good and fair,
Homes where truth and love and security and faith
Will be realities, not dreams.

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Section D: Our objective is: To help individuals improve personal, family, and community living.

Section E: The motto of FCCLA is---“Toward New Horizons”

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section A: The District III Association is the district association for pupils studying Family Consumer Science in jr/sr high schools which are affiliated with the state FCCLA as determined by the state advisory board.

Section B: Membership in this association shall be open to any member in good standing with the affiliate chapters of this district.

Section C: Membership in this association shall be of two kinds:

1. Active Membership: Any school pupil who is currently enrolled in any FCS class in jr/sr high school or whom has completed one semester of any FCS class is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FCCLA Chapter.
2. Honorary Membership: Any individual who has helped to advance the FCS program or has rendered outstanding service to the FCCLA may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the official meeting by the executive council. Honorary members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.
3. Alumni and Associate Membership: A graduated FCCLA student that pays their membership dues to continue support for FCCLA.

ARTICLE III - EMBLEM, FLOWERS AND COLORS

Section A: The FCCLA emblem shows that FCCLA is a dynamic, active organization bound for the future. The ellipse portrays the dynamic and all encompassing strength and presence of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. The arrow symbolizes our ongoing quest for excellence as Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. The dominant collegiate lettering articulates a focus on education and student leadership. The swooping arch embodies an active organization that moves toward new arenas. The color of the emblem is one of the organizational colors-red.

Section B: The flower of the organization is the red rose. It represents the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America and symbolizes a desire for joy in everyday living.

Section C: The colors are red and white. Red suggests strength, courage and determination. White symbolizes sincerity of purpose and integrity of action.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the District III Montana Association of the Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America shall be: President, 1st Vice-president, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasure. Recreation Leaders, and Student Body Coordinator may be appointed. The duties of these officers shall be as follows.

- President:** To preside at the next District III meeting and the preplanning meeting preceding it. Also, to hold and carry out an assigned or elected state office. He/she shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex officio member of these committees. The district president and advisor will complete and send the financial statement of the district meeting to the state advisor.
- 1st Vice President:** The person with the second most votes for President will be appointed District III 1st Vice President. In the event that the president resigns he/she will take over as District III President. If no 1st Vice President has been named, the Vice-President will assume these duties.
- Vice-President:** In the event the District 1st Vice-President is unable to attend the meetings the Vice-President shall assume the 1st Vice-President's duties. The Vice-President will be responsible for the door-prize drawing at the district convention and assist the president as needed.
- Secretary:** To keep the minutes of the District III preplanning meeting and the next District III meeting. The secretary is also responsible for roll call at the district convention. A copy of the district convention minutes is to be sent to the state advisor and each affiliated chapter following the convention.
- Treasurer:** To keep an accurate record of District III monies and help in the collection of dues and meeting fees from the affiliated chapters.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section A: The District III Meeting of the Montana State Association FCCLA shall be held annually, except in cases of extreme emergency, when it may be canceled by the State Advisor of FCCLA and the Executive Board.

Section B: The district meeting will be held in Havre, but may be hosted by the District III President's chapter or rotated among the chapters alphabetically. A list of chapters and their titles should be officially compiled and sent to each of the chapters. A chapter may decline the right to host the meeting. The rotation system shall be:

Harlem
Havre
Malta
North Star
Rocky Boy

Section C: The preplanning meeting is to plan the District III Meeting and shall be held in Havre with the district president. District Officers from each chapter may attend. Local president and one delegate are also allowed to attend.

Section D: The District III Secretary, after checking with the District III President for accuracy, should type the minutes of the preplanning meeting and District III Meeting and send a copy of the minutes to each affiliated chapter in the district. He/she shall also send a copy of the District III Constitution or a revised copy if revisions have been made.

Section E: Each chapter shall send two voting delegates to the District III Meeting to vote on matters of business. The counting of the votes shall be done by the advisors of the District III President and Vice-president, and also a hostess chapter mother. The District III President will keep a record of the number of votes each candidate received. With the exception of the president, if an officer cannot fulfill his/her duties, the person receiving the next highest number of votes will assume the duties of that office.

Section F: We recommended that the dates for the preplanning meeting and the district convention be discussed at the district meeting at the state convention for the following year.

ARTICLE – AMENDEMENTS

Section A: Proposed amendments or bylaws to the District III constitution of the Montana Association of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America may be submitted to the District III Officers at the annual preplanning meeting and may be added to this constitution at the annual District III Meeting by 2/3 vote of the voting delegates at the District III Meeting.

Section B: Standing rules may be adopted by a majority vote at the meeting.

DISTRICT III STANDING RULES

Meetings:

1. All pre-planning meetings and other district officer meetings will be held in Havre.
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Officers:

1. District officers will be president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
2. Any member seeking a district office must be at least a sophomore or a junior.
3. Any district officer that moves out of the district must resign.
4. If the president resigns, the president-elect will assume that title. If no president-elect was named, the vice-president will assume the duties of president. The new president-elect will be elected from the former president's chapter. If the vice-president, secretary or treasurer resigns, the new officer will be selected by the resigning officer's chapter.
5. All chapters are to be informed immediately if a district officer resigns. It is the responsibility of the resigning district officer to inform their advisor if they are unable to fulfill their duties.
6. If at all possible, the District President should visit each chapter in the district during the term of their office.
7. District officers may plan uniform dress prior to the District Convention.

Financial:

1. The District Meeting Registration Fee will be sufficient to cover the expenses of the District Meeting.
2. Each chapter should contribute \$100 to the President's national expenses. If the president resigns, the money will be forwarded to the district officer.

attending the National Leadership Conference. This contribution is due to the District President's chapter by January 15 each year.

3. Roll call money, decided at the pre-planning meeting, will be given to the President's Chapter for national expenses