

# **District V FCCLA Constitution**

## **Article I: Name and Purpose**

### Section A

The name of this Association shall be the Montana Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America District V. The letters of FCCLA may be officially used to designate the association, its chapters, or members. .

### Section B

The purposes of this organization are:

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
2. To strengthen the function of a 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 promote a greater understanding between youth and adults.
6. To provide opportunities for making decisions and 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 careers and related occupations.

### Section C

The creed of this association shall be:

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 for America's future,  
Homes where 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 promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer science education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and career preparation.

## **Article II: Organization and Membership**

### **Section A**

The District V Association shall include students who have taken or are enrolled in family and consumer science classes in the following towns:

Baker	Miles City Junior High
Circle	Miles City Senior High
Ekalaka	Plevna
Fairview	Sidney
Glendive	Terry
Jordan	Wibaux

### **Section B**

Membership in this associate shall be opened to any member in good standing belonging to any affiliated chapter in Section A.

### **Section C**

Membership in the association shall be of two kinds:

- 1.) Active
- 2.) Honorary
- 3.) Alumni & associates, as described in the State Constitution

## **Article III: Emblem, Flower, and Colors**

### **Section A**

The emblem of District V shall be the same as the state organization.

### **Section B**

The flower of the organization is the red rose. It symbolizes desire for joy in everyday living.

### **Section C**

The colors are red and white. Red, an intense color, suggests strength, courage, and determination. White symbolizes sincerity of purpose and integrity of action.

## **Article IV: Officers**

### **Section A**

The officers for District V and their duties will be as follows:

**President** - The president shall conduct all the district meetings and serve as a state officer in the state executive council. He/she shall compile and mail all information pertaining to district leadership convention to the chapters of the district.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall be an appointed position. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President office shall be held by the district presidential candidate who receives the second highest number of votes in the fall district officer elections. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will help the President with arranging speakers and assist the President as needed. If for some reason the elected District President is absent or unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president will assume the District President position.

**Vice President** - The vice president shall act as a public relations officer and be responsible for contacting the media for the district FCCLA meeting.

**Secretary/Treasurer** - The secretary/treasurer will keep an accurate record of all district meetings, file minutes with the district president and the state office, and assist with registration for district meeting. He/she will be responsible for selecting the roll call theme for the district meeting.

**Recreation Leader** - The recreation leader shall select music for all the district meetings, prepare an opening mixer for all delegates at district meeting, and work with the chapters of the district to a compile scrapbook.

**National Programs Coordinator** - The national program coordinator shall promote all national programs. For example, he/she shall pick a nutritious snack for the district convention to illustrate Student Body.

### **Section B**

The president for District V may be from the same town for more than two consecutive years. There will no longer be a limit on the number of district officers per chapter.

### **Section C**

Officer candidates must declare their intention to run for district office two weeks prior to the district meeting by completing an application and mailing it to the district president.

#### Section D

Each chapter will select two voting delegates for voting at the district leadership meeting. Each chapter will be given two ballots for voting for the new slate of officers. Each voting delegate will vote for only one candidate under each office on each ballot.

#### Section E

In case of a tie, each chapter will be given one additional ballot to vote for one candidate to break the tie.

#### Section F

All chapters in District V are encouraged to run a full slate of officer candidates. In the event an office position does not have any successful officer candidate that office may be filled by a candidate who was not elected to his/her desired position. The highest ranking position will be eligible to fill the empty office.

### **Article V: Pre-planning Meeting**

#### Section A

The pre-planning meeting for the district leadership meeting will be held during the spring state leadership meeting; any unfinished business will be decided by the district officer team at the time and place determined convenient for officers.

### **Article VI: District Meeting**

#### Section A

The District V Fall Leadership Meeting will be held at where the district delegation present at the pre-meeting decides.

#### Section B

Host chapter responsibilities will be rotated alphabetically around chapters in the district; a chapter may decline the right to host the district meeting

#### Section C

The co-advisors for the district meeting will be the advisor from the host chapter and the President's advisor. These co-advisors will work closely with the convention organizer. They shall be present at all meetings concerning district activities.

#### Section D

Pre-registration is required two weeks before the scheduled district meeting date. Registration must be enough to cover the expense of the meeting, the fee of convention organizer, and the district officers' accommodations.

#### Section E

- 1.) A Knowledge Quest completion will be held at the district leadership meeting to decide who will be competing in the state competition.
- 2.) Other miscellaneous workshops may be held as needed.
- 3.) Delegates are encouraged to participate in STAR and Proficiency Events

### **Article VII: Responsibilities of Convention Organizer**

#### Section A

- 1.) Coordinate with DCC, the host chapter, and the district president to set a date for the leadership meeting.
- 2.) Receive registration money.
- 3.) Contact and assign judges, if requested, by event chairperson.
- 4.) Coordinate with host chapter to select lunch menu.
- 5.) Coordinate morning snack with host chapter.
- 6.) Provide and direct the set-up of table and chairs
- 7.) Order flowers, supply candles/holders.
- 8.) Provide loudspeaker system and flags for the day's activities
- 9.) Provide certificates for Star and Proficiency Events.
- 10.) Pay all bills and complete financial report to send to state office.
- 11.) Send thank you notes to judges.

### **Article VIII. Responsibilities of Host Chapter**

#### Section A

- 1.) Provide morning refreshments.
- 2.) Coordinate with Convention organizer to get a welcome speaker for the opening ceremonies.
- 3.) Coordinate with Convention Organizer to plan lunch menu.
- 4.) Greet chapters as they arrive to help Treasurer at the registration.
- 5.) Be part of Courtesy Corps.
- 6.) Direct clean up at the end of the day.

### **Article IX: Responsibilities of District President**

### Section A

- 1.) Administrate officer candidate tests.
- 2.) Oversee officer candidate interview.
- 3.) Be responsible for all aspects of voting procedure.
- 4.) Preside over district business meeting.
- 5.) Design and print programs.

## **Article X: Responsibilities of District Officer Team**

### Section A

- 1.) Set up stage.
- 2.) Set up flags.
- 3.) Set up tables.
- 4.) Set up chairs.
- 5.) Set up podium and microphone.
- 6.) Decorate
- 7.) Put signs up on doors for room assignments.
- 8.) Put signs up for individual chapter areas.

## **Article XI: National Meeting Expense**

### Section A

Each chapter in the district will contribute \$75.00 to the incoming District President's expenses for the national leadership meeting, payable with the district convention registration. If other representatives from the district are chosen to attend, chapters have the option of contributing to their expenses also.

## **Article XII: Amendments**

### Section A

Proposed amendments or by-laws changes to the District V Constitution should be submitted to the district chairperson 6 weeks prior to the District Fall Leadership Meeting. The district chairperson shall immediately send the proposal to all chapters in the district. Amendments may be adopted or revisions made to the District Constitution by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at the District Meeting.

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