

DISTRICT VI AND VII ASSOCIATION
FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name, Goal, and Purposes

Section A The name of this association shall be District VI and VII association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Members are hereinafter referred to as Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. The letters FCCLA may be officially used to designate the association, the chapter or members thereof.

Section B The mission of the organization is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. Focusing on multiple roles of family members, wage earners, and community leaders, members develop skills for life through-

- Character development
- Creative and critical thinking
- Interpersonal communication
- Practical knowledge and
- Vocational preparation

Section C Organized instruction relating to the mission is a part of the family and consumer sciences education program in the schools. The purposes of the organization shall be 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 promote 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 and related occupations.

Section D

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 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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ARTICLE II – Organization

Section A The District VI and VII Association is the district association for students studying Family and Consumer Sciences and or Family and Consumer Sciences related occupations through grade twelve, shall be eligible for active membership in an organized chapter within the schools. Active members shall be eligible to hold office, to make motions, and to vote.

Section B The emblem of District VI and VII Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America shall be consistent with the emblem of the national organization.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section A Membership in this association shall be of three kinds: (1) active, (2) honorary, and (3) alumni and associate members.

Section B Active members. Any student who is taking or has taken a course in Family and Consumer Sciences and or Family and Consumer Sciences related occupations through grade twelve, shall be eligible for active membership in an organized chapter within the school. Active members shall be eligible to hold office, to make motions and to vote.

Section C Honorary Members. Any individual who has helped to advance the Family and Consumer Sciences program or has rendered outstanding service to the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the officers present at any official meeting of the

district executive council. Any chapter may recommend an individual for honorary membership.

Honorary members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office, but they shall be entitled to wear the official FCCLA pin with a special guard which shall be an H.

The awarding of honorary membership will be denoted by symbols as follows: (1) District Honorary Member – scroll, and (2) State Honorary Member- touch.

Section D Alumni and Associate Members. Former members of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and New Homemakers of America and other adult supporters may become national, state, district, and local affiliated alumni and associate members.

Alumni and associate members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office, but they shall be entitled to wear the official FCCLA pin.

ARTICLE IV – Personal Growth Achievement

Section A The growth of individual members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America may be recognized through awards presented to the individual members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and members may be recognized through awards presented for individual progress in the Power of One program. Participation in this program shall be optional for members.

Members may elect to complete projects in any area at any time and may do any number of those projects.

Section B Guidance and recognition of achievement for members working on the Power of One program is at the local, state, and national level. Recognition of achievement may take place (1) at the local level with the purchase of ribbons, pins or charms for each completed module, (2) at the state level with a certificate for completing all five modules and (3) at the national level for completing all five modules.

Section C The awards shall be as follows: Level 1 – Power of One Ribbon. Level 2- Power of one pin or charm. Items may be ordered from the national emblematic supplier.

Different colors represent each unit. "A Better You" – White; "Family Ties" – Blue; "Working on Working" – Gold; "Take the Lead" – Green; "Speak Out for FCCLA" – Red.

ARTICLE V

Section A The following officers shall be elected by and among the district voting delegates at the district meeting: President, Vice President, Secretary-Reporter-Treasurer, Historian-Public Relations, National Programs Coordinator.

Section B The district Adviser shall be the administrative officer of the district association. The district adviser is the adviser from the chapter who has the district president and will give general guidance to the program.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings and Conventions

Section A The district meeting of the Montana Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America shall be held annually, in the fall except in cases of extreme emergency when it may be canceled by the District Advisers with the approval of the state executive council.

The time and place of meeting shall be determined by the district executive council with the approval of the district advisory board.

ARTICLE VII – Dues

Section A National Dues. Individual membership dues shall be determined by the national executive council upon recommendations of the National Executive Council and subject to approval of the voting delegates at the annual National meeting. Membership dues for national and state shall be sent to the national office.

The amount of dues for the Alumni & Associates member category shall be determined by the National Executive Council with the approval of the district advisory board.

National honorary members pay no dues.

Section B State Association Dues. State membership dues shall be determined by the state executive council and subject to the approval of a majority vote of the membership. Such dues shall be in addition to the National dues. Membership dues shall be sent to the national office prior to March 1.

The amount of dues for the Alumni & Associates member category shall be determined by the State Executive Council and State Advisory Board.

Section C District Dues. It is suggested that each chapter will contribute thirty-five dollars (\$35) to the district fund which will be used to send a delegate (district president) to the national FCCLA convention. This money is to be sent to the district secretary/treasurer by January 1 of each year.

Alumni & Associates members and honorary members pay no district dues.

Section D Fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE VIII- Amendments

Section A Proposed amendments or bylaws to the district constitution of the District VI and VII Family, Career and Community Leaders of America may be submitted in writing to the district advisers by any chapter within the District.

The district executive council or appointed committee shall review and assemble the proposed amendments and bylaws from all chapters in the district and shall submit them to the district adviser at least sixty (60 days) prior to the district association meeting. The district adviser shall review the proposed changes and return them to the chapters for study at least thirty (30) days prior to the district meeting.

Amendments may be adopted or revisions made to the district constitution by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at the district meeting.

Amendments and revisions made in the National bylaws will be reported to the delegates at the district meeting. If the national revisions change the state constitution, and the district constitution, these revisions will become automatic.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – Duties of the District Officers and District Adviser

Section A President. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over association meetings of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and over meetings of the district executive council. The president shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees. The president serves as a member of the state executive council and may run for designated state offices.

Section B Vice President. In the event the district president is unable to attend an executive council meeting or district meeting the district vice president shall assume the president's duties. This person would also assume the president's duties at the state level should the president not be able to do so.

Section C Secretary-Treasurer-Reporter. This person shall assist in conducting meetings in a business-like manner according to Roberts Rules of Order, and is responsible for keeping the district constitution up to date. The secretary will be responsible to keep the minutes of each district meeting on file and send an official copy of all minutes to the state office. If the district vice president is not available to assume the office the Secretary will assume the office. This person shall also be responsible for interpreting the program of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America to others and in securing material for publications at the local, state and national levels.

Section D Historian – Public Relations Officer. The historian-public relations officer shall be responsible for keeping a scrapbook of activities, pictures, and other material of historic importance to the association and shall compile a written history to be presented at the district meetings and conventions. Pictures and news clippings should be organized into a scrapbook.

Section E National Projects Coordinator. It shall be the duty of the national projects coordinator to do a presentation and or activities on national projects at the district convention. This officer may select the national projects he/she wishes to focus upon.

Section F District Adviser. The district adviser is the adviser from the chapter who has the District President and shall be the administrative officer of the association.

It shall be his/her duty to (1) direct the work of the association; (2) advise with the district executive council, delegates, and committees on matters of policy; (3) keep permanent records of district proceedings; (4) serve as an ex-officio member of all committees; (5) assist chapters in setting up their programs; (6) receive applications for state and national memberships; and (7) perform such other duties as necessary.

ARTICLE II- Procedure for Electing District Officers

Section A Qualifications. Each chapter is permitted to have one member run for each office with the exceptions of the specific rules listed below. Each candidate is required to complete a qualification sheet and return it to the District VI and VII president prior to the district convention. All Candidates for offices will take a written test compiled by the state officers. Any candidate scoring less than 70% will not be allowed to advance (A consensus of the district advisers can overrule this condition). After the questioning, chapter meetings will be held to discuss the candidates and instruct the chapter's voting delegates to cast votes for specific candidates the chapter supports. The voting delegates will vote after the chapter meetings.

Section B The district president shall become the state officer.

Section C The officers shall be elected annually in district meetings by two (2) voting delegates per chapter, due consideration being given to qualifications of candidates introduced and questioned at the district meeting and score on written test.

Section D Specific Rules:

1. No district office may be held for two consecutive years by the same person .
2. No chapter shall hold two major offices in a single year i.e. President and Vice President and Secretary.
3. Campaigning is out ruled by the National and State Associations, and the districts are to abide by this rule. Each candidate will have one poster, which will have the qualification sheet, the name of the person running for the office, the office for which he or she is running, and a wallet sized photo of the candidate. This will be on public display at the District VI and VII convention and is the limit of campaigning.
4. No senior may run for a district office.
5. Voting delegates shall not be candidates for district office.
6. Candidates for office must be questioned individually and not in the presence of other candidates for same office.

7. In the event no candidates run for a particular office and the person holding that office is not senior, he/she may continue to hold that office for another year.

Section E The district officers shall be installed at the close of the district association meeting at which she/he was elected. The term of office shall be for one year, extending from the close of the district meeting each year through the district meeting the following year.

ARTICLE III- Duties of the Executive Council

Section A The duties and responsibilities of the district executive council shall be as follows: (1) determine policies and procedures; (2) determine what business shall be brought before the assembled delegates; (3) pass on recommendations for honorary membership; (4) conduct such other business as is necessary to further the progress of the association.

ARTICLE IV – Committees

Section A The president shall appoint such committees as the executive council or voting delegates at the district meeting deem necessary to carry on the work of the association. The chairpersons of the committees shall be members of the district executive council.

ARTICLE V – District Fund

Section A It is suggested that each chapter shall contribute thirty-five dollars (\$35) to the district treasury to help send the district delegate (district president) to the national FCCLA convention.

Section B The Fund shall be set up in the form of a savings account at a bank of the secretary-treasurer's choice so the money deposited will earn interest during the fiscal year.

Section C The district secretary-treasurer-reporter and her/his adviser will administer the fund. The secretary-treasurer-reporter will be able to give an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. The auditing could be done at the fall pre-planning meeting for the district convention.

ARTICLE VI – Districts of Montana Association of FCCLA and Towns in District VI and VII

Section A there shall be ten (10) districts of the Montana Association composed of countries as follows:

- I. Glacier, Toole, Pondera, Liberty, Teton, and northern part of Lewis & Clark
- II. Park, Gallatin, Meagher, Broadwater, southern part of Lewis & Clark
- III. Chouteau (except town of Highwood), Hill, Blaine, Phillips
- IV. Yellowstone (except town of Laurel), Treasure, Musselshell, Rosebud, Bighorn, Powder River, Custer (except the town of Miles City).
- V. Richland, McCone, Garfield, Prairie, Dawson, Wibaux, Fallon, Custer, and town of Miles City.
- VIVII. Powell, Mineral, Ravalli, Missoula, Sanders, Granite, Deer Lodge Lake, Lincoln, Flathead.
- VIII. Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt
- IX. Cascade, Judith Basin, Fergus, Petroleum, and town of Highwood
- X. Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon, Wheatland, Golden Valley, and town of Laurel
- XI. Madison, Beaverhead, Jefferson, Silver Bow

Section B The towns in District VI and VII are Drummond, Frenchtown, and Victor. Arlee, Bigfork, Charlo, Columbia Falls, Eureka, Hot Springs, Kalispell, Libby, Noxon, Polson, Ronan, St. Ignatius, Troy and Whitefish.

Schools in towns of District VI and VII offering family and consumer sciences curriculum in grades 7-12 are eligible to start a chapter and be affiliated with the district, state, and national organization.

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