

# MONTANA FCCLA

February, 2025

*News*

## Montana FCCLA at Rotunda Day!

Despite the weather, members of the Montana FCCLA State Executive Council represented your organization well at the 2025 Rotunda Day on February 3. In attendance were State President Jill Baumgardner, State Vice President of Community Outreach, Ava Krings, State Vice President of Public Relations Jodi Gibson, and State Vice President of Competitive Events Maddy Johnston, along with State Executive Council Coordinator Shae Bruursema and advisers Megan Vincent and Sandy Woldstad. While at Helena, the group had the opportunity to meet with Governor Gianforte and discuss the importance of career and technical education and student involvement in career and technical student organizations, like FCCLA.



"I am so happy that I attended Rotunda Day! I hope that my time in the capitol made a lasting impact on the legislature, and encouraged them to learn more about CTSOs around Montana high schools."

~Maddy Johnston, State Vice-President of Competitive Events



"It was a great day representing FCCLA and also being able to talk to legislators who took time out of their day to make us feel heard and let us express the importance of CTE. We had the opportunity to tour the capitol, meet with government officials to represent FCCLA, along with getting a chance to see senate and house hearings."

~ Jill Baumgardner, State President

## Congratulations to our newly affiliated chapters!



Dutton Brady	Arlee	Fairfield
Medicine Lake	Browning	
Powell County	Polson	
Lockwood	Poplar	
Cut Bank	Flathead	

## Coming Soon: State Leadership Conference!

Just a few short weeks until the 2025 Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference! We are excited to see all of you as we Dare to Dream of networking, leadership, service, and learning opportunities on the MSU campus March 20-21. Keep reading for full details!

Connect With Us!



MONTANA  
STATE ASSOCIATION



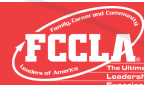
# State Leadership Conference Updates

Save the date for **March 20-21** and join members and advisers from all across the state for the 2025 Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference! We are back on the MSU campus in Bozeman and have so many great things in store for you! A few highlights include:

-  **Competitive Events**--It's the annual ProStart Culinary and Management competition on Thursday, and don't miss your chance to show off your skills with Skill Demonstration Events or share your STAR Events successes on Friday!
-  **Keynote Speaker Jordan H. Davis**--planning for your future can be overwhelming. Jordan will show you how to eliminate career fear through design thinking in his keynote and leadership training. His Friday afternoon sessions focus on physical and mental wellbeing, as well as improving confidence and public speaking skills
-  **FCCLA 101 with Brooklynn Gross**--Learn more about all the opportunities available to you in this dynamic organization!
-  **Service opportunities on site at Haven House and on campus at MSU**--help survivors of domestic trauma as they transition to a new life by creating home decor items and through food preparation.
-  **State Outreach Project Training Track with Madalyn Fox**--learn more about the 2025-26 Montana FCCLA State Outreach Project Career Connection and develop a plan for your own chapter's outreach project!
-  **Industry Immersion Tour**--learn about careers in the hospitality and tourism industry with visits to the Kimpton Armory Hotel, Buff City Soaps and more!
-  **College and Career Readiness Fair**--meet representatives from post-secondary institutions all across the state, and learn more about opportunities to help prepare you for success in your future!
-  **Montana Mayhem**--Meet your 2024-25 State Executive Council and engage in team building and networking opportunities with other members.
-  **General Sessions**--We will recognize chapters and individuals for all of their accomplishments throughout the year, and meet the incoming State Executive Council
-  **SLC Store**--Stop by the registration table Thursday afternoon to pick up a hoodie, pen, beanie, and more! Supplies are limited to stock on hand.
-  **Industry Experts**--Meet Pete Brown, Founder and CEO of Ash Interactive, as he shares his firsthand knowledge the importance of digital presence for job seekers and tips for promoting your organization and program. Pete will be presenting at our conference, as well as training our Capture Crew.
-  **Service Swag Bags**--These goodies are available for chapters submitting service hours and sending photos of their outreach projects to our state office by February 15.
-  **Workshops and sessions** specifically designed to help you Dare to Dream!

**Advisers can learn more about SLC opportunities and registration by visiting the 2025 SLC website. Regular registration is open January 15-31, with late registration available through February 10.**

Connect With Us!



**MONTANA**  
STATE ASSOCIATION





# National Leadership Conference Competition Opportunities

One great way to represent Montana FCCLA at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference is to earn a spot in the STAR Events competition at the State Leadership Conference. Did you know there are also many other ways to compete at the national level of FCCLA?



**SKILL DEMONSTRATION EVENTS:** Eight (8) Skill Demonstration Events (SDE) will be offered this year at the National Leadership Conference, including:

- Culinary Food Art (Levels 2 and 3)
- Culinary Knife Skills (Levels 1, 2, and 3)
- FCCLA Creed Speaking & Interpretation (Levels 1, 2)
- Impromptu Speaking (Levels 1, 2, and 3)
- Interior Design Sketch (Levels 2 and 3)
- Interviewing Skills (Levels 1, 2, and 3)
- Lesson Plan Development and Modifications (Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4)
- #TeachFCS (Levels 1, 2, and 3)

Students do not have to qualify to compete in Skill Demonstration Events at NLC. SDE's are first come, first serve. We encourage advisers to register their members early, due to capacity limits. Registration is non-refundable.



**CHALLENGE TESTS:** FCCLA is offering in-person Challenge Test opportunities for the 2024-2025 at the National Leadership Conference. Participants may compete in the same Challenge Test more than once, including those who took part in the Fall Online Challenge Test. Open to Levels 1-4, these tests provide FCCLA members the opportunity to demonstrate their college – and career readiness skills in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) related occupations. Challenge tests offered this year include:

- Apparel: Fashion Design & Construction
- Culinary Math
- FCCLA Knowledge
- Hospitality Services
- Housing and Interior Design
- Math for Financial Literacy
- Nutrition & Wellness
- Principles of Food Science
- Teaching



Connect With Us!



**MONTANA**  
STATE ASSOCIATION

# Chapter Recognition Opportunities at SLC

**Hands down, Montana has some of the most impressive chapters in the entire nation!** Be sure your chapter is getting the recognition it deserves! Check with your chapter adviser to see how you can help with your chapter's recognition applications for these awards:

**Montana FCCLA Service Hall of Fame:** Send 3-5 photos of your chapter's service projects in action to Tracey at [director@mtfccla.org](mailto:director@mtfccla.org) and submit your chapter's service hours on the [Montana FCCLA website](https://www.mtfccla.org) by March 1.

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Partnership:** Host two enrollment events to encourage families to enroll their young children in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and sign up two new families per affiliated chapter member by February 15. Full details and the recognition link are on the [website](https://www.mtfccla.org)

**Vision Zero State Level Awards:** Complete a [brief report](#) about your chapter's efforts to increase traffic safety in your community by March 1. Top chapters will receive a cash award.

**Families First State Outreach Project:** Complete a [brief report](#) about your chapter's Families First outreach project by March 1. Top chapters will receive a cash award.

**Montana FCCLA Week of Service:** Complete a [brief report](#) about your chapter's Week of Service outreach project by March 1. Top chapters will be recognized.

**Montana STAR Chapter Award:** Many levels of recognition are available in this award that asks chapters to document their involvement throughout the year. [Applications](#) are due on the website by February 15.

**Visit [mtfccla.org](https://www.mtfccla.org) today and nominate and apply for all the awards FCCLA offers!**



## SLC T-Shirt Design Contest Winner!

**Congratulations to** Bella Mehan from the Three Forks FCCLA chapter! Her design was selected as the winner of the 2025 State Leadership Conference T-Shirt Design Contest! Attendees at the 2025 SLC will each receive a shirt with Bella's design.

Congrats, Bella!



# Free Books for Kids, and Recognition for Chapters!

Montana FCCLA has a unique opportunity this year to help deliver free, high-quality books to children all across the state! Every month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends one book to children under age five. This program has been fully funded in Montana, and First Lady Susan Gianforte and her Treasure State Foundation need our help in enrolling families in this program! Montana FCCLA chapters are encouraged to host enrollment events, designed to enroll new families in the program. **Chapters hosting a minimum of two events and enrolling two new families per affiliated member (based on February 15 affiliation data) will receive special recognition at our State Leadership Conference, held at MSU in Bozeman, March 20-21, 2025.**

For full program details, an enrollment tracking spreadsheet, and reporting link, visit [mtfccla.org](https://www.mtfccla.org)>State Outreach Project>Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



Connect With Us!



**MONTANA**  
STATE ASSOCIATION





# FCCLA Week

February 10-14

## Monday

### "FCCLA MEMBER MONDAY"

SHOWCASE YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS AND WHAT FCCLA MEANS TO YOU!

## Tuesday

### "FCCLA DAY OF SERVICE"

SHARE WHO YOUR INFLUENCES ARE AND HOW YOU'VE INFLUENCED OTHERS THROUGH YOUR ACTS OF SERVICE.

## Wednesday

### "FCS EDUCATOR DAY"

THANK THE EDUCATORS IN YOUR LIFE AND SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR EVERYTHING THEY TAUGHT YOU AND YOUR CHAPTER.

## Thursday

### "ALUMNI DAY"

SHARE WITH OTHERS HOW FCCLA HAS ALLOWED YOU TO SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREERS AS WELL AS YOUR INDEPENDENT ADULT LIFE.

## Friday

### "FCCLA SPIRIT DAY"

ROCK THE RED AND FILL YOUR DAY WITH RED CLOTHING, SIGNS, FOOD, DECORATIONS, AND MORE!

SHARE YOUR CHAPTER'S PHOTOS AND EVENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ALL WEEK LONG WITH #MTFCCLA

## National Officer Applications Due February 15

Are you an active FCCLA member who is ready to engage at the next level? Consider applying to be the next National FCCLA Officer! Full details and forms are on the [website](#). Apply by February 15.

## National FCCLA Dates

**February 14:** Explore.Act.Tell Early Entry Due  
**February 21:** FCCLA NLC Scholarship Due; Member of the Year application due  
**March 3:** Deadlines for Safe Rides - Save Lives Contest, Memorial Scholarship, National Technical Honor Society Scholarship, Program Award Application, Zwilling Culinary Arts Scholarship, Youth Scholarship Application, National Chapter Public Relations Award  
**March 3:** Registration opens for the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL  
**May 16:** Explore.Act.Tell Annual Challenge Deadline

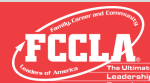
Visit [fcclainc.org](http://fcclainc.org) for more details

## Montana FCCLA Dates

**February 1-10:** SLC Late Registration open  
**February 5:** SLC First Time Adviser Attendee Scholarship application due  
**February 10-14** FCCLA Week  
**February 15:** Montana FCCLA award and scholarship applications due and Dolly Parton Imagination Library reports  
**March 1:** Montana State Level Outreach Awards due  
**May 31:** Final Affiliation Deadline

Visit [mtfccla.org](http://mtfccla.org) for more details

Connect With Us!



MONTANA  
STATE ASSOCIATION

# Culinary Corner --PD for ProStart Educators!

ProStart PD Educator Grants provide \$2,000 for first-time attendees to participate in the 2025 ProStart Professional Development core program taking place July 6-10, 2025 at the Roosevelt New Orleans and New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute (NOCHI).

Awardees will receive a grant that covers the cost of registration as well as hotel accommodations at the Roosevelt New Orleans. The NRAEF event team will coordinate hotel reservations for all awardees. Any remaining funds for other expenses will be distributed upon confirmation of participation after the program. Interested in applying? You may access the application HERE. The application portal will remain open until 11:59pm ET on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.



## Scholarships for Future FCS Professionals!

Are you passionate about helping others and shaping the future? Do you want to make a lasting impact? Now is your chance to join a thriving field with endless opportunities for growth and service!

**Montana State University's College of Education, Health & Human Development is awarding over \$45,000 in scholarships annually to students pursuing degrees in Family & Consumer Sciences, Human Development & Family Science, and Early Childhood Education. Plus, we prioritize scholarships specifically for future Family & Consumer Sciences Teachers, supporting students who are dedicated to shaping the next generation of professionals.**

Whether you're interested in teaching, counseling, or working with children and families, MSU's programs are the perfect place to build your career and make a difference.

### Learn more:

[Family and Consumer Sciences Education](#)

[Human Development and Family Science](#)

## Competitive Events Evaluators Needed!

Who do you know that would make a great evaluator for our competitive events? Every year, we need over 150 individuals to serve as competitive events evaluators! Please share this link or the QR code in the image with adults in or near the Bozeman area who are available to volunteer on March 21.



Connect With Us!



MONTANA  
STATE ASSOCIATION



# FCCLA Safe Roads Challenge



## Join the FCCLA Safe Roads Challenge Make a Difference and Win Big!

Contest Period: **October 15, 2024 to March 3, 2025**

The new season of the FCCLA Safe Roads Challenge is here! We're partnering with TrypScore to find the safest state drivers in the country. You and your students can join to win amazing prizes!

### Prizes to be won:

- Grand Prize: Two (2) all-expense-paid trips for students to the 2025 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL (valued at \$2,500).
- Monthly Prizes: 15 \$20 gift cards given every month.
- Family & Friends Bonus: Win \$500 in gift cards to popular brands.

### How to Join:

1. Download the TrypScore App on the Apple Store or Google Play Store.
2. Create your account and enter your state's join code.
3. Drive safely! Each safe trip improves your state's score and earns you entries to win the grand prize.

Encourage your students, and invite friends and family to participate! They could win \$500 in gift cards using the code **FCCLAFF**.

Connect With Us!



**MONTANA**  
STATE ASSOCIATION

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.

## 1 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.

<b>\$ NATIONAL DUES</b> \$9 per person Minimum of 12 individuals	+	<b>\$ STATE PER PERSON DUES</b> \$9 per person No Minimum	+	<b>\$ STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming
--	---	---	---	--

## 2 MIDDLE LEVEL PACKAGE

27 or more members, grade 9 or younger.

<b>\$ NATIONAL DUES</b> \$250	+	<b>\$ STATE DUES</b> \$135 (based on 15 members; over 15 members are free)	+	<b>\$ STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming
----------------------------------	---	--	---	--

**\$450  
TOTAL**

**\*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**

## 3 TOP 25 AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Up to 25 members.

<b>\$ NATIONAL DUES</b> \$395	+	<b>\$ STATE DUES</b> \$180 (this includes 5 <u>free</u> memberships)	+	<b>\$ STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming
----------------------------------	---	--	---	--

**\$640  
TOTAL**

## MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES #3 & #4

Membership packages include numerous chapter adviser and student benefits.

- Flat-rate payment can occur via **Perkins Funding**, eliminating per-member 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).

**\$325  
VALUE**

## 4 BIG SKY UNLIMITED AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Unlimited chapter members.

<b>\$ NATIONAL DUES</b> \$775	+	<b>\$ STATE DUES</b> \$405 (based on 45 members; over 45 members are free)	+	<b>\$ STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming
----------------------------------	---	--	---	--

**\$1245  
TOTAL**

## 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.



# MONTANA FCCLA AWARDS

**COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION BY  
FEBRUARY 15**

## **STAR CHAPTER**

Chapters with well-rounded programs of work.

## **THE ULTIMATE LEADER**

Members who exhibit leadership skills and whose actions exemplify the mission of FCCLA.

## **LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating members who exemplify the organization's purposes can earn scholarships to help fund their education.

## **STAR EVENTS SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating members participating in three years of STAR Events can earn scholarships to help fund their education

## **ADVISER OF THE YEAR**

A chapter adviser who inspires members to achieve their goals and build a strong program.

## **NEW ADVISER OF THE YEAR**

A chapter adviser in their first 5 years who is investing in themselves while building a strong FCCLA program.

Access the Montana FCCLA award applications at [this link](#)

Access National FCCLA scholarships [here](#)

Access National FCCLA adviser awards [here](#)



Montana FCCLA SLC



# Store

hoodies \$35

drinkware \$12

beanies \$10

notepads \$5

bag \$5

vintage SLC shirts \$5

pens \$2

stickers \$1



*supply is limited to stock on hand*

Electronic payments  
accepted via PayPal or  
Venmo

Store will be open on  
Thursday, March 20,  
11:30-3PM





**MONTANA**  
STATE ASSOCIATION



# Program Enrollment TOOLKIT

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Montana has partnered with Montana FCCLA to help increase the Montana families enrolled in the Imagination Library program, and chapters are encouraged to sponsor local activities to increase awareness of the program and the number of families enrolled.

## State Conference Recognition:

Earn recognition for your chapter members at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference when your chapter hosts **two** Dolly Parton's Imagination Library enrollment events and enrolls **two** families per affiliated FCCLA member by **February 15**

## State Outreach Project Grants & Awards:

Chapter mini grants are available for Families First outreach projects. Share your project's results upon completion for your chance to win Montana Families First state level cash awards!

**Choose your favorite project idea, or develop your own chapter outreach project to enroll families in your community!**

Develop bookmarks with tips on strategies for reading to children; distribute at local preschools, head starts, or day care centers

Host a table at a Trunk or Treat. Explain the program and enroll families; dress up as characters from a children's book and read to attendees

Partner with local businesses to develop a new parents kit, including enrollment information for the program and distribute to local hospitals

Host a table at a local grocery store; enroll families and offer to read books to children while the parents pick up groceries

Share the opportunity through creative social media posts

Hold a Read A Thon; secure pledges for how many books you can read to small children within a week/month and donate the proceeds to a local children's charity

Host a parents' night out and offer free babysitting while parents finalize their Christmas shopping; encourage participants to enroll in the program

Visit a local head start or preschool and read to children, encouraging them through positive role modeling

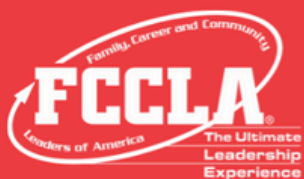
Partner with your local library to host enrollment events on Saturday mornings

**2** Enrollment events hosted **+** **2** Families per chapter member enrolled **=** Chapter recognition at SLC!



Scan to submit your chapter's report for recognition at SLC





**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, contact  
Tracey at [director@mtfccla.org](mailto: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. 13	Work/Life Balance
March 6	SLC Reminders
April 10	Incorporating Service Opportunities
May 8	Chapter Fundraising



MONTANA FCCLA  
2025 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

dare  
to  
Dream  
FCCLA  
MONTANA

Featured  
Presenters  
Include:

Jordan H. Davis  
Keynote Speaker



Brooklynn Gross  
FCCLA 101  
FCCLA Leadership  
Training Team member



Madalyn Fox  
Career Connection  
State Outreach  
Training  
FCCLA Leadership  
Training Team



Eduardo Garcia  
Chef and Entrepreneur



Build your skills in  
career preparation,  
financial  
management,  
leadership, and  
more!

Visit local  
businesses with  
the Industry  
Immersion  
Tour

Make a positive  
difference by  
volunteering  
with the  
SLC Service  
Project

REGISTER JANUARY 15-31  
LATE REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 1-10

# FEBRUARY <sup>2025</sup>



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						SLC LATE REGISTRATION BEGINS
2	3 ROTUNDA DAY	4	5	6	7	8
9 FCCLA WEEK	10 SLC REGISTRATION CLOSES	11	12	13 ADVISER WEBINAR	14	15 ALL MT FCCLA AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS DUE
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

TOP PRIORITIES

NOTES

# MARCH <sup>2025</sup>



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 NATIONAL FCCLA AWARD DEADLINES
2	3	4	5	6 ADVISER WEBINAR	7 SLC PAYMENT DUE	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	18
16	17	18	19	20 SLC BOZEMAN	21 SLC BOZEMAN	11
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

TOP PRIORITIES

NOTES

MARCH 1: MASTER ADVISER & ADVISER MENTOR  
NOMINATIONS DUE IN THE PORTAL; ALL NATIONAL  
PROGRAM AWARDS DUE IN THE PORTAL; NATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIPS DUE  
MONTANA FCCLA STATE PROGRAM AWARDS DUE ON  
THE WEBSITE



# 2025 APRIL



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 NATIONAL AWARD APPS DUE	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 ADVISER WEBINAR	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## TOP PRIORITIES

## NOTES

**1: GO FOR THE RED AND ADULT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON THE NATIONAL PORTAL**