

MONTANA FCCLA

March, 2025

News

State Leadership Conference Highlights

The 78th annual Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference was held March 20-21 in Bozeman on the MSU campus. Over 600 members, advisers, chaperones, and volunteers met to Dare to Dream. Look for photos of some of the SLC moments throughout this newsletter and check out our social media accounts for even more!



Meet your 2025-26 State Executive Council!

Vice President of Programs: Madison Nelson, Ennis

Vice President of Membership: Gracie Baker, Glasgow

First Vice President: Brock Romero, Manhattan

Vice President of Competitive Events: Bradlie Joseph, Huntley Project

Vice President of Public Relations: Mackenzie Hess, Columbus

President: Lexie Wichman, Moore

Vice President of Finance: Luca Helvik, Wibaux

Vice President of Community Outreach: Laurlynn Harrell, Power

Vice President of Parliamentary Law: Isabel Hunter, Powell County



Congratulations to our newly affiliated chapter!

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2025 Montana FCCLA Ultimate Leaders



**Morgan Nelson
Wibaux**



**Brooklynn May
Jefferson**



**Brock Romero
Manhattan**



**Natalie Seitzinger
Powell County**



**Kiarra Michalson
Gallatin**

2025 Montana FCCLA Scholarship Recipients



**Madelyn Myers
North Star**



**Jill Baumgardner
Harlowton**



**Alicia Pierson
Belgrade**



**Kloe Southworth
Fergus**

2025 Adult Awards



**Adviser of the Year
Bethany Ringer
Gallatin**



**New Adviser of the Year
Lauren Vick
Power**



**Spirit of Advising
Kacie Perkins
Powell County**



**ProStart
Educator of Excellence
Megan Vincent
Lewistown**

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Congratulations to our Star Chapters!



Each year, Montana FCCLA chapters have the opportunity to earn recognition for a balanced program of work, focusing on local outreach, leadership development, and involvement at the district and state levels. Congratulations to these Montana FCCLA chapters who are leading the way with high-quality programming and impressive leadership!



Gold Star Chapters

Beaverhead **Columbus**
Fergus **Forsyth**
Jefferson **Moore**
Powell County **Three Forks**

Silver Star Chapters

Conrad **Garfield County**
Huntley Project **Malta**
Manhattan **Plentywood**
Ronan **Stevensville**
White Sulphur Springs

Families First State Outreach Project Awards

1st: Three Forks
2nd: Forsyth
3rd: Power

Vision Zero Awards

1st: Power
2nd: Moore
3rd: Jefferson &
Fergus (tie)

Week of Service Awards

1st: Dawson Co.
2nd: Powell Co.
3rd: North Star

Service Hall of Fame Recognition

29 Chapters Reporting
17,219 Hours Submitted

1st: White Sulphur Springs
2nd: Forsyth
3rd: Wibaux

Largest Chapter:
Beaverhead FCCLA



**Largest Membership
Increase:**
Sheridan & Poplar (tie)

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ProStart Competition Results

The 2025 Montana ProStart competition was held on March 20 at Gallatin College on the MSU campus. With nine teams competing in the culinary competition and six in the management competition, spectators and judges were treated to a demonstration of superior skills. Earning second place in both the culinary and management competitions were the teams from Powell County, with Belgrade placing first in both of the competitions. Wish them luck as they advance to Baltimore in April for the national competition!



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Board of Directors Updates

The annual meeting of the Montana FCCLA Board of Directors was held on March 21 at the State Leadership Conference in Bozeman. The group received updates on the organization's finances and activities, and delegation voted to pass the proposed bylaws amendments, which will keep Montana FCCLA in compliance with national-level bylaws changes. The delegation voted to add Heather Quenzer and Celeste Miller as members of the board for three year terms, and bid farewell to retiring members Jill Baumgardner, Aiden Kramer, and Megan Vincent.



Celeste Miller, Gallatin



Heather Quenzer, Red Lodge

National Leadership Conference in Orlando, July 5-9



The 2025 FCCLA National Leadership Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, July 5-9. Members are encouraged to consider the many participation options available--see the next page and the dates below for more details! NLC is a great way to level up your leadership skills, learn more about national-level opportunities within the organization, network, and learn.

While at NLC, Montana FCCLA members will have the opportunity to experience a beach road trip to Cocoa Beach on July 6, as well as trade Montana pins with other delegates between sessions. Watch for more details coming soon about these elements.

National FCCLA Dates

April 1: Go For The Red application deadline

May 1: National Board of Directors Local Adviser Representative Application Deadline

May 2: Application Deadline for Fashion Show, Content Creator Program, National Anthem Singer, Say Yes to FCS Signing Ceremony, and Workshop Proposals

May 16: Explore.Act.Tell. Annual Challenge Deadline

June 4: Regular NLC Registration ends

Visit fcclainc.org for more details

Montana FCCLA Dates

April 10: Adviser webinar

May 31: Final Affiliation Deadline & deadline to submit service hours



Visit mtfccla.org for more details

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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



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Platinum level



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Gold level



Silver level

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*Meet our
Conference Exhibitors!*
AT THE



ZWILLING
J.A. HENCKELS

CONFERENCE EXPO AND COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS FAIR



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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.

\$ NATIONAL DUES \$9 per person Minimum of 12 individuals	+	\$ STATE PER PERSON DUES \$9 per person No Minimum	+	\$ STATE CHAPTER DUES \$65 per chapter Flat rate to support State Officer Programming
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2 MIDDLE LEVEL PACKAGE

27 or more members, grade 9 or younger.

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

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

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

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

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

MAY 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 ADVISER WEBINAR	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 FINAL AFFILIATION	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

TOP PRIORITIES

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