

District II Association
**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
Constitution**

Article 1- Name, Mission, Purpose and Creed

Section A The name of this association shall be Montana Association of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America District II. Members are here in after 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 mission of the organization is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple role 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
Vocational preparation

Section C The purposes of this association shall serve as follows

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
2. To strengthen the function of the family as the 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 and Membership

Section A The District II Association for students who are currently enrolled or have been enrolled in a Family and Consumer Sciences course in junior or senior high schools which are affiliated with the state Family, Career and Community Leaders of America as determined by the state advisory board.

Section B Members in this association shall be open to any member in good standing with the affiliated chapters of the district.

Section C Membership in this association shall be of three kinds

1. Active membership: Any school student who is regularly enrolled in a Family and Consumer Science class in junior or senior high school or has completed one semester of Family and Consumer Sciences is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FCCLA chapter. Active members will wear the official FCCLA pin with the official guard.
2. Honorary Membership: Any individual who has helped to advance the Family and Consumers Sciences 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 by the executive council. Honorary members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office, but shall be entitled to wear the official FCCLA pin with a special guard which shall be an H.
3. Alumni and Associate Membership: Former members of Family, Career and Community Leaders 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 shall be entitled to wear the official FCCLA pin.

Section D The District II Association in the district association for the pupils studying Family and Consumer Sciences in schools which are affiliated with the state FCCLA in the following designated towns:

Belgrade
Boot Strap Ranch
Bozeman
Gardiner
Helena
Livingston
Manhattan
Three Forks
Townsend
West Yellowstone
White Sulphur Springs

Article II—Emblem, Flower and Colors

Section A The emblem of District II shall be the same as for the state organization.

Section B The flower of the organization is the red rose, which symbolizes a desire for joy in everyday life.

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

Article IV—Officers

Section A The officers of the District II Montana Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America shall be **President** and **1st Vice President** which shall be elected following the statewide election process which is explained under section D. In addition the positions of **2nd Vice-President/Parliamentarian, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian/Public Relations Officer, and National Program Coordinator** may be elected at the district meeting.. The Duties of these officers shall be found in the Bylaws.

Section B The District Adviser shall be the administration officer of the district association. The District Adviser is the adviser from the chapter who has the district president.

Section C Each chapter may submit a full slate of officers, or one candidate for each office. Each candidate will be entitled to make and display one informative poster. Qualification sheets of each candidate will be displayed at the district convention.

Section D Each chapter shall send two voting delegates to the District II meeting to vote on matters of business. The counting of the votes shall be done by the District President and District president's Adviser. The District Adviser will keep a record of the number of votes each candidate received. In case an officer cannot fulfill his/her duties, the person receiving the next highest number of votes for each officer will assume his/her duties with the exception of President. Candidates for President must have one year membership as an affiliated FCCLA member and be of grade ten standing or above. In special circumstances, the state adviser may make exceptions to this recommendation (Insert state guideline for president—vice president selection) Final decisions regarding officers not able to fulfill duties will be determined by vote of the advisers.

Forms

Application forms will be available to chapters from current district presidents and posted on the Montanan FCCLA website. All candidates running for a district office must send a completed application to the District President two (2) weeks prior to the district meeting date. The District President shall be responsible for collecting the completed applications and displaying copies of them either at the registration desk or in the chapter packets for all members to review. No form shall be accepted after the due date unless otherwise arranged by the district president.

Written Test

Before the oral questioning and voting, a written test shall be given to all candidates. Candidates must score a 70% or better on the written test to be eligible to proceed further in the election process. The District President or another district adviser

will grade the tests under the supervision of the District President's adviser. Test results shall be reviewed by the voting delegates. The test will be a standard exam prepared by the current State Executive Council. The test will cover only facts and recent events of FCCLA and will not relate to personal opinions.

Oral Test

1. Each candidate who has successfully completed the written test shall participate in an oral test before the entire district meeting delegation. The test will consist of the following:
 - a. Two Fact Questions: These questions will allow the candidate to demonstrate knowledge concerning FCCLA.
 - b. One situation Question: This question should reflect how the candidate deals with real life occurrences.
 - c. One Comparison Question: This question will allow the candidate to demonstrate creativity and ability to think quickly.
2. Each current district officer shall give a brief introduction of all candidates for their office prior to each oral interview. These introductions shall be a summary of data from the candidate's application form.
3. Each current district officer shall ask the questions to the candidates running for their office.
4. All candidates shall be separated from the general assembly during the written test and the oral interview. Candidates will be individually called before the general assembly for their oral interviews.
5. Fact question answers shall be announced to the entire delegation before the oral interviews are given.

Additional Requirements

6. All members running for district office must be affiliated before running for district office. Proof of current membership affiliation must accompany application.
7. Candidates for President must have one year membership as an affiliated FCCLA member and be of grade ten standing or above. In special circumstances, the state adviser may make exceptions to this recommendation.
8. Candidates for President shall give a three to five minute speech (no props can be use), which portrays the leadership qualities they possess in order to best sell themselves as President of their district. Candidates for President must return all completed consent forms with their application form to the District President.
 - a. All elected district presidents are required to have appropriate attire for the state officer installation at the FCCLA State Leadership conference (classic white dress or suit for females, dark jacket and pants with pressed white shirt, tie, and dark shoes for males).
9. Candidates for President and Vice President must meet a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA requirement.
10. The candidate for president with the second most votes will be deemed the District 1st Vice President.

11. Candidates for secretary/treasurer must answer a situation question related to that office.
12. Candidates for 2nd Vice President/Parliamentarian must answer two fact questions relating to parliamentary law.
13. Candidates for the office of National Program Coordinator, Historian/ Public Relations officer must answer a situation question related to FCCLA and/ or the office they are running for.

Campaigning

1. Each candidate will be allowed one poster which shall not exceed three feet by two feet (36"x24") in size. This is not mandatory, but it is an open to all candidates.
2. Each candidate must be identified as an officer candidate (e.g. name tag, ribbon). the current district president shall be responsible for determining that each candidate is identified by the designated system.

Section E Each chapter shall have two votes at any district meeting. Voting delegates will be designated and named by the chapter prior to the call to order of the meeting and be seated in a designated voting delegate section. All students in good standing with the organization may make or amend a motion, or discuss issues brought before the assembly. Voting will be restricted to the designated voting delegates of each chapter.

1. Chapters involving more than one school will be designated as either a combined or joint chapter for all activities or meetings. If a combined chapter they will have two voting delegates for their chapter. If separate each chapter will have two voting delegates. For example: a community with high school and middle school/junior high members may be separate chapters with each having two (2) voting delegates, or they may choose to be a combined with a total of two (2) voting delegates.
2. Chapters choosing to be combined must affiliate as a combined chapter with both the state and national association and will be recognized as a combined chapter for the affiliated year.
3. Chapters choosing to be separate must affiliate separately with both the state and national organization and will be recognized as separate for the affiliated year.

Article VII—Amendments

Section A Proposed amendments or by laws to the district constitution of the District II Montana Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America may be submitted in writing to the district executive council by any chapter at the annual preplanning meeting. The proposed changes shall be distributed for review and study at least 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.

Section B Standing rules may be adopted or deleted by a majority vote after being proposed to all chapters at least sixty (60) days before a vote is taken.(1) direct the work of the association; (2)