Hello Montana FCCLA! My name is Ben Costin and I am your state president for 2019-2020. I hope that everyone has had an amazing start to the school year and is starting to think about FCCLA and what you would like to accomplish this year! Maybe you would like to run for a leadership position, or just attend Leadership Rally to get a hands on leadership experience to see what FCCLA is really about. The opportunities for student leaders are endless through FCCLA, you can use your leadership skills hands on by taking on a leadership role on the local, district, or state level! Now you’re interested right? But what does each of these positions take?

**LOCAL**  Do you want to become a local leader? Well of course you do right? Being a local leader in your chapter is a great way to show off your leadership skills and help make a difference in your chapter, school and community. Taking on a local leadership position is also a great first step to becoming a district, state or national leader. A local position might entail attending chapter meetings, assisting in facilitating those meetings, helping with fundraisers and any other business your local chapter has!

**DISTRICT**  A district leader is someone who helps assist with the execution of the district meeting in the fall. Many districts have different positions available from activity leader all the way to president with varying capacities for each position! Becoming a district leader would require attendance to the district meeting and you may have to assist with the planning/execution of the meeting itself! The best way to get information on your specific district offices is to talk to your adviser or contact your district president.

**STATE**  A state leader is one of the nine state officers who are also the district presidents. Becoming the district president will mean that you also take on the role of being a state officer! Before taking on this position you would want to get the support of your chapter adviser, school administrator and your parents. This position will require attendance to the district meeting, Leadership Rally, State Leadership Conference, and the numerous meetings scheduled throughout the year! Becoming a state leader has been one of the most life-changing decisions that I have personally made, and I hope to see more people run for a state position!

I hope some of this information got you interested in becoming a leader through FCCLA! If you have any questions on any of these, don’t be afraid to contact your chapter adviser, or any of the nine state officers whose contact information can be found on the MT FCCLA website, or by clicking here. - Ben Costin, President