

# 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!

Great Falls

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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 Montana ProStart Ultimate Leaders

## 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
- Huntley Project
- Manhattan
- Ronan
- White Sulphur Springs
- Garfield County
- Malta
- Plentywood
- Stevensville

### 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)

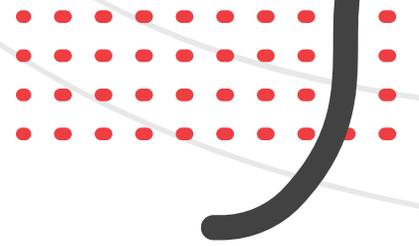
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# ProStart Competition Results

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 [fclainc.org](https://fclainc.org) for more details

## Montana FCCLA Dates

**April 10:** Adviser webinar

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



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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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# THANK YOU, CONFERENCE SPONSORS!

## Platinum level



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## State Outreach Partners



## Gold level



## Silver level

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**GALLATIN COLLEGE**



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**EDUCATION**



**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
NORTHERN**



**ZWILLING  
J.A. HENCKELS**

*Meet our  
Conference Exhibitors!*

**MARCH 20  
LEIGH LOUNGE  
11:30-3:00**

**AT THE**

# **CONFERENCE EXPO AND COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS FAIR**



**MTDA**  
Montana Digital Academy



**MONTANA**  
'TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY'



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**BÉQUET**  
CAMEL



**GREAT FALLS COLLEGE**  
**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

MONTANA CHILD CARE BUSINESS  
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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

## 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

**\$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 free memberships)
- + \$ **STATE CHAPTER DUES**  
\$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.

- \$ **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

**\$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
		<b>1 NATIONAL AWARD APPS DUE</b>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	<b>10 ADVISER WEBINAR</b>	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**

# MAY 2025



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

TOP PRIORITIES

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