

MONTANA FCCLA

September/October, 2025

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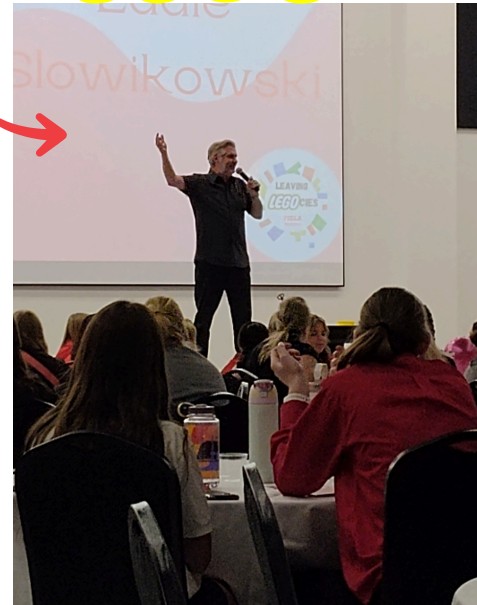


201 Attendees!

Keynote speaker Eddie Slowikowski



The 2025-26
State Executive Council



The debut
of
Montana
FCCLA's
Glam Cam!



Amazing Advisers!



The best
partners and
exhibitors!



Incredible session
speakers, including
Brooklynn Gross, FCCLA's
LTT Trainer, and Lindsey
Cobble, of the FCCLA
Leadership Training Team



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Service Hall of Fame--Q1

Congratulations to the Manhattan FCCLA Chapter--currently leading the state in service hours submissions for 2025-26! Thanks for all you do to give back locally! Learn more about one of their successful local outreach events in Episode 2 of Inside the Red Jacket, the Montana FCCLA podcast!

Grow the Red!



~ Lexie Wichman, Montana FCCLA President

We are so excited to be kicking off this new school year with so many outstanding FCCLA chapters in our state. With the new year, though, comes the challenge of member recruitment. Whether you're a seasoned chapter advisor, a chapter officer, or new to the organization, recruiting new members is key to building a dynamic, engaged, and impactful FCCLA family in your school. Growing your chapter not only strengthens your impact but also creates new opportunities for every member to learn, lead, and shine. Growth can sometimes be a challenging task to tackle, so we have provided some tips and tricks to help your chapter continue to grow the red.

- Starting with a Kickoff Event can get new members excited for this new opportunity. Host an engaging "FCCLA Kickoff Night" or an info session during lunch. Including games, snacks, and past project highlights will ensure new students walk away excited and informed.
- Use Social Media to Your Advantage!! Students spend so much time on social media so showing off what your chapter does can help hook new members to want to get involved. Post photos of service projects, competitions, leadership events, and even behind-the-scenes fun.
- Encourage current members to invite their friends. Create an incentive program, like a raffle or small prize, for members who bring in the most recruits. Students are more likely to listen to people who are the same age as them, so current members can advocate for your chapter to their peers.
- Highlight the benefits of FCCLA. Students want to know what's in it for them. Talk about leadership roles, travel opportunities, competitions, scholarships, and the chance to make a real difference in their communities.

Keep the Momentum Going. Recruitment doesn't stop after the first meeting. Continue to welcome and include new members with team-building activities, committee roles, and opportunities to get involved right away. When students feel connected, they stay committed and don't stop growing the red!!

Kicking Off the Season with Service!



~Isabel Hunter, VP of Parliamentary Law

Welcome back from Fall Rally! We hope everyone had a fantastic time connecting, learning, and getting inspired for the year ahead. Now that we're back and energized, it's the perfect time to dive into some exciting chapter activities.

As October rolls in, so does a great opportunity to give back. The fall and holiday seasons are ideal for starting meaningful community service projects, and one that's especially timely is "Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat." Many of you mentioned it at the Rally, and it's amazing to see so much interest in this powerful initiative. My chapter participates in this every year, and the impact on our local food bank has been incredible. The turnout and support from the community truly show what we can accomplish when we work together. If your chapter hasn't already, consider organizing a Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat event—it's fun, impactful, and a great way to get everyone involved. Can't wait to hear what your chapters are planning next time we meet!



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Halloween Safety Tips from your SEC



~Luca Helvik, Vice-President of Finance

Happy Halloween from Montana FCCLA and your SEC!! How do you plan on spending your Halloween? At a party? Trick or treating? Handing out candy? Well no matter the reason your Montana State Executive Council has a few tips on how to stay safe on All Hallows Eve this year.

If you are daring to venture on foot while trick or treating, remember to wear something reflective so drivers will see you in the dark. Remember, it gets dark fast this time of year and visibility is reduced in the dark. Wearing a reflective item or using a flashlight will help drivers be aware of your location so they can safely avoid you.

While it might be tempting to venture into the dark during the spookiest time of the year, it is best to stay in well lit areas. This will reduce the risk of injury, and besides, who knows what is lurking in the dark? Best to play it safe and stay in well lit areas.

While there is no such thing as witches brewing poison apples to hand out to trick or treaters, you should still check your candy to make sure nothing has been tampered with. Discard anything that looks like it has been opened or disturbed as it could be detrimental to your health.

Houses without a porchlight on are best treated as haunted houses, you should avoid them as the residents of the property most likely do not wish to be disturbed.

Even ghosts don't like to be lonely, and on this frightening night it is best to not travel alone. Always travel with a friend and never venture out alone, ghosts can't hurt you, but it's not always ghosts you have to worry about. If you absolutely have to go out on your own, make sure someone knows where you are and what time you will return.

Stay safe Montana FCCLA!! Have a wonderful Halloween and keep a watch out for your frighteningly close district meetings, that is if they haven't already got you.....

NEW! Virtual Competitions for FCCLA Members!

New online competitions are now available to Montana FCCLA members, through a partnership with Active Learning Labs. Sharpen your entrepreneurial and financial literacy skills while you learn, and you can even win gift cards! Competitions are online and offered through the Montana Digital Academy. Look for the flyers later in this newsletter for full details!



Inside the Red Jacket: Montana FCCLA's Podcast

Brand new in 2025 is Inside the Red Jacket; Montana FCCLA's podcast!

Learn from fellow members and advisers about what is working for them and how they leave a legacy in their local communities. The first episode featured Mrs. Cathe Felz, Chapter Adviser from Three Forks, who has advised three national FCCLA officers, and one of those officers, Amelia Doll, as well as Brock Romero, Montana FCCLA First Vice-President and his adviser Mrs. Amanda Swenson. Tune in to learn all about what being a national officer entails.

If you have ideas for future episodes, email Tracey at director@mtfccla.org



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Chapter Adviser Summit Scholarship



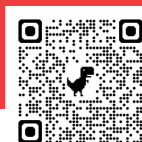
Montana FCCLA chapter advisers are encouraged to apply for the Chapter Adviser Summit Scholarship. This award supports attendance to the 2026 Chapter Adviser Summit held in Washington, D.C., January 14-17. Full details and the application form can be found at [this link](#). Applications are being accepted through **November 10**

Spotlight On Service



FCCLA is all about service, so remember to submit service hours! Use this Google Form every time you and your chapter has hours to submit, then chapter advisers receive a quarterly email with the statistics. Be sure to submit your service hours regularly to receive recognition for your efforts!

State Outreach Project



The career Montana FCCLA understands how important it is to choose careers wisely, which means investing in career exploration and preparation. After all, one's career choice impacts so many areas of their lifestyle and their future! The Montana FCCLA State Outreach Project for 2025-26 is Career Connection, which means your chapters have so many opportunities to encourage career exploration and preparation in your local communities. Montana FCCLA chapters are eligible to receive a copy of the FCCLA National Program Career Connection, full of engaging activities to help chapters as they work to peer educate others about the importance of career preparation for a stronger future. Chapters are also encouraged to apply for mini-grants of up to \$200 to support community outreach projects designed to impact career exploration and preparation in local communities. Be sure to complete your State Outreach Project report by March 1 so that your chapter can showcase their Career Connection efforts and earn recognition. Full details about all these opportunities can be found on the Montana FCCLA website.

Vision Zero



Traffic safety is an issue that impacts everyone. Montana FCCLA and the Montana Department of Transportation have been partnering for years in an effort to include members in local traffic safety efforts. Our partnership continues into the 2025-26 year, with Vision Zero grants, awards, and presentations. Look for the Vision Zero workshops at your District Meetings, where chapters can learn the basics about implementing a successful chapter project! Chapter leaders will also learn more about this incredible opportunity at the Fall Leadership Rally. Watch for the Vision Zero Toolkit for Chapters coming soon! Develop plans now for your chapter's traffic safety outreach efforts. If you are not sure where to begin, check out some summaries from last year's projects at [this link](#). Funding for projects is available, with a priority deadline of November 14 and a final deadline of December 5. After completing your project, be sure to submit the final report by March 1 to be eligible for state-level awards.



Welcome To Our Newly Affiliated Chapters!

Jefferson Moore Wibaux Billings West Broadwater Conrad

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Sharing Career Connection in Your Community



You might already know the 2025-26 Montana FCCLA State Outreach Project focus is Career Connection, but how does that translate to a community outreach project? Consider using some of these ideas (or a combo of them) as inspiration to help your FCCLA chapter develop a local community outreach project that not only helps members prepare for career success, but also helps those in the community also become better prepared!

The Career Connection program is divided into four components: My Skills, My Life, My Career and My Path. Consider these project ideas in each of the areas: action units and career readiness skills:



My Skills – Building Personal Strengths & Workplace Readiness

- Elementary “Career Skills Carnival”: FCCLA members set up simple booths (teamwork puzzle, communication game, time management race) for younger students to help them develop career-ready skills at an early age..
- Senior Center Tech Helpers: Teach older adults how to use devices while practicing patience, communication, and teaching skills.
- Community Job-Readiness Fair: FCCLA members host mock interviews, resume review stations, and customer service role-plays for peers.

My Life – Balancing Roles in Careers, Families, and Communities

- Family Meal Planning Workshops: Students lead a session for families on planning healthy, affordable meals, connecting career readiness to family life.
- Intergenerational Storytelling Night: Students invite older community members to share career/life balance stories, then reflect on lessons learned.
- Elementary Helpers Program: High school FCCLA members mentor younger students on balancing school, play, and responsibilities.

My Career – Understanding the World of Work

- Job Shadow Highlights: Students shadow community members in various careers, then share presentations with elementary or middle school students.
- Career Fair Field Trip - Arrange to visit local businesses and interview employees at each stop to learn about potential careers in the field and what skills employers are seeking.
- Career Stations in the Library: Set up interactive displays (tools, uniforms, sample tasks) for children and families to explore.

My Path – Planning for Career & Lifestyle Goals

- Vision Board Workshop: Students guide peers or younger students in making career and life goal boards using magazines, drawings, and quotes.
- Financial Literacy Basics: FCCLA members lead a session for middle school students on saving, budgeting, and planning for future goals.
- Career Show and Tell - FCCLA members interview community members to learn about the path of their career, including training, opportunities for skill development and employment changes, then members conduct a “Show and Tell” to share what they learned about career evolution in their community.

No matter what project you choose to develop, all of these options are:

- Student-led, with leadership opportunities
- Low-cost (most supplies can be gathered from school, donations, or repurposed items)
- Community-focused, engaging children, peers, and older adults
- Directly tied to the Career Connection units and career readiness skills



When your chapter has some project plans underway, be sure to apply for a mini-grant on the Montana FCCLA website to help your project get off to a great start!

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New Opportunity! Culinary Camp in November!



Montana FCCLA and ProStart have partnered with professionals from the culinary industry to offer the 2025 Culinary Camp in Billings on November 3. Educators attending will participate in a cook-off competition and learn about Montana FCCLA and ProStart updates, and will learn valuable strategies for success in the culinary classroom. Students (up to four per school) attending can expect to experience a Sysco warehouse tour, along with presentations about plating, safety and sanitation, career opportunities in the culinary world and so much more! An optional dinner at Walker's Grill the evening of November 2 is available at an additional cost. Full details can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. Regular registration is open through October 6; late registration is available October 7-13



Chapter and Individual Grants Available!



Apply Today to Make a Difference!

FCCLA Members and Chapters who are eager to make a difference in the lives of students are encouraged to apply for Chapter or Individual Grants through the FCCLA Portal. These grants, reviewed by the National Executive Council, are awarded to projects with the greatest potential to positively impact students, schools, communities, and even entire states. Grants are awarded on an ongoing basis, with applications accepted until May 1. Funding is available up to \$1,000 per chapter, depending on resources.

Please note that requests for conference or meeting registration fees will not be considered. The application can be found in the FCCLA Portal under the Surveys and Applications tab > Ultimate Leadership Fund Grants (ULF) > Chapter & Individual Grants. Don't miss this opportunity to bring your ideas to life and create a lasting impact!

National FCCLA Dates

October 9: Be A Teacher Day
October 10: Challenge Testing Registration Closes
October 15-19: Fall Leadership Institute – Orlando, FL
October 15: Capitol Leadership Registration Deadline
October 20-November 21: Testing Window Open for Challenge Tests
October 22-25: Fall Leadership Institute – Anaheim, CA
November 1: Fall Chapter Affiliation Deadline
November 1: Adviser Academy Registration closes
November 3: Chapter Adviser Summit registration opens
January 14-17: Chapter Adviser Summit
March 3: Safe Rides - Save Lives Contest Deadline

For more details, visit fcclainc.org

Montana FCCLA Dates

- **October 15:** Deadline to register for Adviser Communities
- **October 15:** Deadline to apply for State Outreach Project and Week of Service mini-grants
- **October 15:** New Adviser Retreat and Adviser Social Night
- **October 14:** District 4 meeting, Forsyth
- **October 22:** District 10 meeting, Columbus
- **October 27:** District 6/7 meeting, Missoula
- **November 10:** District 1 & 3/9 meeting, Great Falls
- **November 10:** Chapter Adviser Summit scholarship form due
- **November 11:** District 5 meeting, Glendive
- **November 12:** District 8 meeting, Ft. Peck
- **November 14:** District 2 & 11 meeting, Manhattan
- **November 15:** Priority deadline for Vision Zero grant applications
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For more details, visit mtfccla.org

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Adviser Professional Development Opportunities



Being an FCCLA Chapter Adviser is a big job---and we want to help your advising experience to be a great one! Join us to learn more about how the organization works, network with other advisers, and get inspired with new ideas and strategies for your chapter! Montana FCCLA is offering the following professional development opportunities and all are free to Montana FCCLA advisers.



Adviser Communities: This community-style mentoring experience helps newer advisers prepare for upcoming events, while all participants have the opportunity to network and get inspired with new ideas. Meet once a month to discuss timely prompts related to chapter management and events. Join [here](#) by October 15.



Culinary Camp: This hands-on culinary experience will offer collaboration, learning from industry partners, and more! Scan the code or click [here](#) to register by October 6 for the best rates; registration closes October 13.



MACTE/FCCLA Adviser Retreat: New FCCLA advisers meet to learn strategies for chapter advising on Wednesday, October 15 at 8:45 AM. After MACTE conference activities, all FCCLA advisers travel to Buff City Soaps to learn about building local business relationships and self care, followed by dinner and FCS game night!



Chapter Adviser Summit Scholarship: Montana FCCLA chapter advisers are encouraged to apply for the Chapter Adviser Summit Scholarship. This award supports attendance to the 2026 Chapter Adviser Summit held in Washington, D.C., January 14-17. Full details and the application form can be found at [this link](#). Applications are being accepted through November 10

New lessons have been developed and added to our [Lesson Resource Folder](#), available exclusively to Montana FCCLA chapter advisers, which includes:

- A semester-long leadership curriculum--ready to use in the classroom! Throughout the course of one semester, students experience the opportunity to collaborate, build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills, and get a sampling of six STAR Events projects.
- Lesson plans incorporating STAR Events
- Planning Process lesson plans and resources

Be sure to check out the newly updated resources for chapters on our [website](#), including:

Chapter Kick-Off Plan

Montana FCCLA At A Glance

Montana FCCLA Calendar of Events

Ultimate Chapter Award



What is the [Ultimate Chapter Award](#)? The FCCLA Ultimate Chapter Award is the highest honor an FCCLA Chapter can receive, recognizing those and serving to honor chapters that distinguish themselves through exceptional commitment and achievement. From robust member recruitment and retention efforts to career preparation, impactful service projects, leadership development, Competitive Events success, and effective communication, the Ultimate Chapter Award celebrates chapters that consistently go above and beyond to provide an outstanding leadership experience for their members. Earning this award signifies a chapter's unwavering dedication to preparing members for career success and making a difference in their schools, communities, and members' lives.

Ready to Get Started? Begin your journey toward excellence today! Log in to the FCCLA Portal, explore the Ultimate Chapter Award tab, and start completing optional opportunities for points. Involve your members, set goals, and track your chapter's progress as you work toward achieving the highest chapter honor FCCLA offers.

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Is Your School Ready to Become a ProStart Program?

As we gear up for our annual ProStart Data Collection, we want to encourage all Montana schools offering culinary or hospitality coursework to consider becoming a Confirmed ProStart School. Whether you're already doing great things in your classroom or just beginning to explore culinary curriculum options, this is your opportunity to join a program that opens the door to valuable resources, support, and opportunities for your students.

What Is ProStart? It is a nationally recognized, career-focused culinary and hospitality program designed for high school students. It offers educators access to free curriculum, training, competitive opportunities, and direct connections to industry professionals. But you don't have to compete to be part of the program—you're likely already doing many of the required components in your classroom. Becoming a ProStart school is easier than you think!

Ready to add ProStart? Here's What You Need to Do:

- Step 1: Watch for the ProStart Data Collection Form, coming your way soon.
- Step 2: If you're not already a confirmed program, fill out the Confirmed ProStart School Educator and Proctor Application (available now through October 1, 2025). Already a ProStart school? You're all set—just complete the data collection when it's released.

Why Join?

- Access to classroom resources, culinary and educator trainings
- Eligibility for student scholarships and competitions
- State and national recognition
- A strong, supportive professional network
- Increased funding and benefits for Montana schools through expanded participation



We're Here to Support You!

If you have questions or want to learn more, don't hesitate to reach out. Contact jordan@mtfccla.org. Let's work together to grow Montana's ProStart community and give students the tools they need to succeed in the culinary and hospitality industries!

Fall Leadership Rally

Brock Romero, First Vice President



Fall is in the air, and that means it's time to gear up for one of the most exciting events of the year—Montana FCCLA's Fall Rally! We are heading to Billings, MT, on September 28–29 for two unforgettable days at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Whether you're new to FCCLA or a returning chapter officer, Fall Rally is your chance to kick off the year with leadership, energy, and purpose.

Fall Rally is more than just a meeting—it's where your FCCLA journey begins. Members from across Montana will come together to learn, connect, and grow as leaders. You'll attend dynamic leadership workshops, sharpen your skills during officer training sessions, and participate in engaging team-building activities designed to inspire and motivate you. This is your opportunity to meet the 2025–2026 Montana State Executive Council, hear their vision for the year, and get the inside scoop on all things FCCLA—from competitive events and service projects to statewide initiatives and exciting new opportunities.

You can expect hands-on activities that will challenge you to think creatively, collaborate with others, and step outside your comfort zone. There will be plenty of ideas to take back to your chapters—from membership recruitment strategies and project ideas to ways to make your meetings more fun and meaningful. Whether you're preparing for STAR Events or looking to build stronger chapter connections, Fall Rally is the place to start. Most importantly, Fall Rally is where FCCLA becomes more than just a school organization—it transforms into a community. It's a place where your voice matters, your ideas are valued, and your leadership journey takes flight. So put on your red, bring your enthusiasm, and get ready to be inspired. This year is full of potential, and it all starts in Billings.

We can't wait to see you there!

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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.

\$325 VALUE

- 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 download 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 year subscription to the Knowledge Hub and Testing Readiness resources.
- Learn more about these resources [here](#)

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 2025-26 membership will increase your 2026-27 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.



LEAVING **LEGOCIES**



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2025 Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference Shirt Design Contest

Scan the QR code to vote for the design you want to see on shirts at our State Leadership Conference by October 6

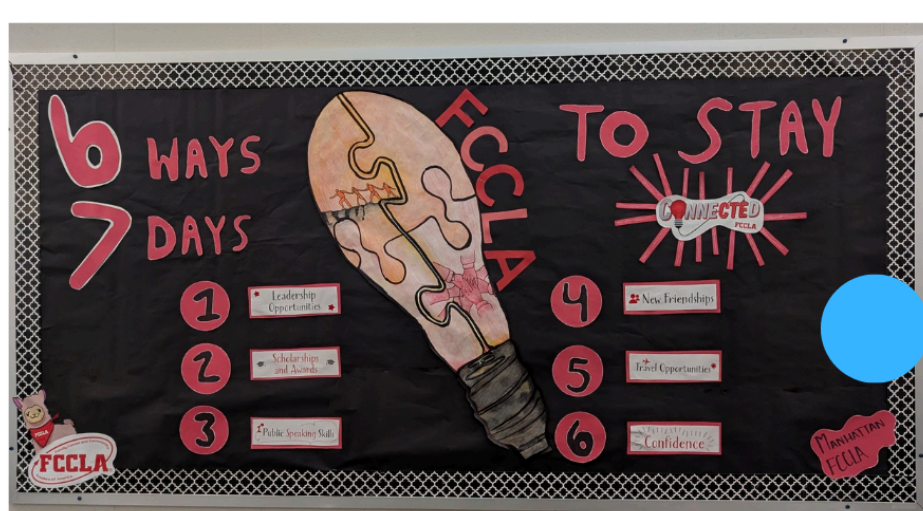
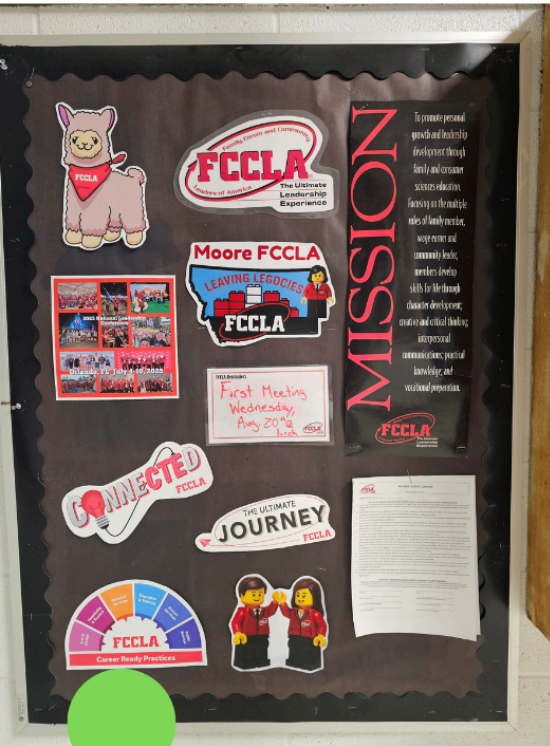


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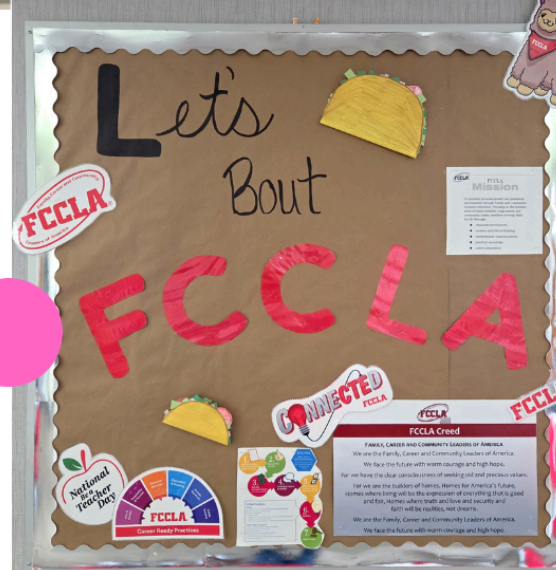
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CONFERENCE 2026





2025 Montana FCCLA Bulletin Board Contest

Scan the QR code to vote for your favorite bulletin board by October 6



Hallway Bulletin Boards for FCCLA



2025 CULINARY CAMP

Who should attend? Teachers who are:

- ProStart Confirmed
- Teaching Culinary Arts
- Interested in learning more about ProStart and FCCLA Culinary Competitions

Teachers attending are encouraged to bring *up to four* culinary arts students!

NOVEMBER 2-3
SYSCO, 1509 MONAD RD,
BILLINGS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee of \$30 per person (both teachers and students) includes registration materials and lunch; due by October 6

Late registrations are accepted October 7-13 at a rate of \$60 per person

Optional dinner & restaurant kitchen tour available at an additional cost of \$15 per participant

**REGISTER AT
THIS LINK BY
OCTOBER 13**



Questions? director@mtfccla.org



EVENT ATTIRE



- Attendees are encouraged to wear chef's attire, if possible, including chef's coat and pants
- Alternative attire options include school spirit wear, khaki or black pants, or jeans without holes. An apron to protect clothing is recommended.
- Closed-toe, non-skid shoes are required and hair must be contained during lab-based activities



Optional Lodging available at :

Trailhead Inn 5500 Midland Road
Billings, MT 59101
\$89 per room; breakfast included
Call 406-248-7701 to make your
reservations by October 27 and mention
"Montana Pro Start"

Avid hotel Billings West
3350 Ember Lane
Billings, MT, 59102
\$119 per room; breakfast included
Call 406-506-0844 to make your
reservations by October 3 and mention
"Pro Start Meeting"

Best Western Plus Clock Tower Inn
2511 1st Ave N | Billings, MT 59101
\$104 per room before taxes;
breakfast included
Call 406-238-1793 to make your
reservations by October 27 and
mention "Montana Pro Start"



2025 CULINARY CAMP

NOVEMBER 2-3

SYSCO, 1509 MONAD RD, BILLINGS

OPTIONAL SUNDAY EVENING EVENT:

5:30-8:30 PM

Tour and Dinner at Walker's Grill
2700 1st Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101

Pre-registration required; Additional cost of \$15 per person; limited availability; transportation is not provided

STUDENT CULINARY CAMP AGENDA:

8:30 Check In

9:00-11:00 Station Presentations

- Sysco Warehouse Tour - Justin Brown
- Costing & Creating Menu Items - Jeff Shultz
- Safety & Sanitation in the Workplace - Andy Fulton
- Plating Techniques- Matt Lauer
- Career Development in the Hospitality World - Parker Aldridge

11:00-11:45 Lunch

11:45-12:30 Knife Skills Demonstration - Nick Steen Gullings

12:30-1:45 Marketing Challenge - Greg Beachey, Zwilling/JA Henckels

1:45-2:00 Wrap Up, Surveys, Farewells

EDUCATOR CULINARY CAMP AGENDA:

8:30 Check In

9:00-11:45 Collaborative Challenge Cook-Off
Jordan Collins, Montana ProStart Coordinator

11:45-12:15 Lunch

11:45-12:30 Montana ProStart
Jordan Collins, Montana ProStart Coordinator

12:30-1:45 Marketing Challenge - Greg Beachey, Zwilling/JA Henckels

1:45-2:00 Wrap Up, Surveys, Farewells

Questions? director@mtfccla.org

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CULINARY CAMP SPONSORS FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!





CAREER CONNECTION



2025-26 MONTANA FCCLA STATE OUTREACH PROJECT

Leave a lasting legacy in your community as you improve your own employability skills and share your knowledge with others!

1

Improve your skills and knowledge with Career Connection curriculum in your chapter and:

- Explore potential careers and find options that are a great match for you!
- Develop skills and habits employers want!
- Learn strategies to share what you have learned about career exploration and preparation with others.

Chapter advisers: request your curriculum using the QR code by October 15.

Be sure to register up to two leaders for the Career Connection State Outreach Project Training at the Fall Leadership Rally



2

Develop your chapter's outreach project to share what you learned with others; mini-grants are available! Apply online by October 15 to fund your chapter's Career Connection project.

Some project ideas include:

- Career Fair
- Community Career Tours
- Mini Job Interviews
- Career Preparation Podcasts

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Submit your State Outreach Project report online by March 1. The top three chapters win cash prizes!

Special thanks to our
State Outreach Project partners:



BlueCross BlueShield
of Montana



Montana FCCLA Week of Service



MAKE A DIFFERENCE--STATEWIDE!

Montana FCCLA is offering chapter mini-grants for community outreach projects. All chapters are encouraged to participate and make a positive difference statewide! Consider utilizing YSA's [resources](#) to develop your project plan.

CHAPTER MINI-GRANT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Chapter must be affiliated with Montana FCCLA
- Up to \$200 may be awarded to support supplies for a project addressing a need in the chapter's local community



EXPAND YOUR PARTICIPANTS

Projects must be youth-led and:

- Engage middle and high-school aged students
- Include non-members, students from low-income and diverse backgrounds, and students who are not usually asked to participate



ALL THE DETAILS



October 15: Applications due on our [website](#)
December 1: Application results announced
March 1: Final report, photos, and receipts due.
Payments will be issued by late March.
Email director@mtfccla.org with any questions.



2025-26 VISION ZERO GRANTS



Priority application deadline: November 14
Final grant application deadline: December 5
Visit mtfccla.org for full details



Any Montana FCCLA Chapter completing traffic safety programming in their community is encouraged to submit an activities report to be eligible for a cash award, even if your chapter did not receive a grant.



If your chapter receives a Vision Zero traffic safety grant, this report is mandatory



Offered through a partnership between the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and the Montana Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Questions? Contact Sheila Cozzie, 406-444-7301 scozzie@mt.gov



COLLABORATIVE VIRTUAL CHALLENGES

Take your financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills to the next level and win gift cards!

Each team member of the winning statewide team receives a \$25 gift card.

Winners will be judged on profitability, teamwork, and the quality of their responses to reflective questions.



Choose your competition, or enter all three:

Snack Stand Challenge

Fall Competition

(October 21 – November 14, 2025)

Run a snack stand at your school's simulated field day, setting options and prices for four snack items to earn the highest profit at the end of the day.

Virtual School Store

Winter Competition

(January 19 – February 27, 2026)

Launch and manage a virtual online store selling school-branded apparel, focusing on product selection, branding, promotion, pricing, and purchasing.

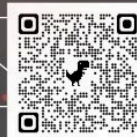
Food Truck Scramble

Spring Competition

(March 9 – April 3, 2026)

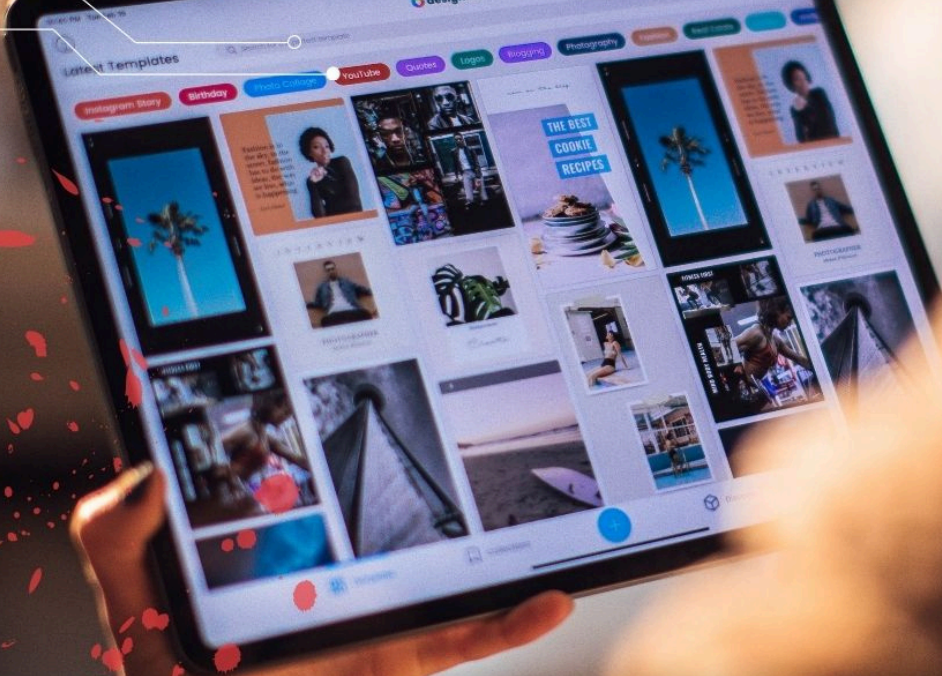
Launch a virtual food truck business, using competitive analysis to choose locations and set product prices to maximize sales.

All Montana FCCLA members are eligible to compete.
Advisers, register your teams here



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SHORT COURSE MASTERY COMPETITIONS

Demonstrate mastery of entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills through statewide short course challenges.

MTDA enrollment is required for individual mastery competitions; courses are offered once per semester at no cost.

Choose your challenge, or enter all three:

Culinary Business Challenge

- Awards: \$50, \$25, \$15 gift cards for top finishers
- All students who complete the course receive a \$5 gift card

Workplace Ethics Challenge

- Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10 gift cards for top finishers
- All students who complete the course receive a \$5 gift card

Personal Finance Challenge

- Awards: \$50, \$25, \$15 gift cards for top finishers
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	Career Connection & Week of Service grants due 15	Fall Leadership Institute, Orlando 16	Fall Leadership Institute, Orlando 17	Fall Leadership Institute, Orlando 18
Fall Leadership Institute, Orlando 19	20	21	Fall Leadership Institute, Anaheim 22	Fall Leadership Institute, Anaheim 23	Fall Leadership Institute, Anaheim 24	Fall Leadership Institute, Anaheim 25
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Affiliate by November 1 for full access to all National FCCLA resources!

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NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Adviser Academy Registration Closes
2	3 Chapter Adviser Summit Reg. Opens	4	5	6	7	8
	Culinary Camp in Billings					
9	10	11	12	13	14 Vision Zero Priority Grants Due	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Capitol Leadership in Washington, D. C.						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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