

# MONTANA FCCLA

November, 2025

New

## Plan to Attend the State Leadership Conference



While March might seem like a long way off right now, the State Leadership Conference dates of March 19-20 will be here before we know it! Members, advisers and guests of FCCLA from all across the state will gather in Bozeman on the campus of Montana State University to celebrate successes, showcase projects and accomplishments, participate in competitive events, learn from one another and network to develop new and lasting friendships.

Montana FCCLA policy states that all members attending the State Leadership Conference are required to participate in specific events, which have been expanded this year. Tentative plans include the following member participation options:

- Competitive Events Timer/Assistant
- STAR or Skill Demonstration Event Participant
- Workshop Presenter
- Leadership Seminar
- FCCLA 101 Seminar
- State Outreach Project Training
- Capture Crew
- Industry Immersion Tour
- Service Road Trip
- **New this year:** FCS Career Connections--explore FCS-related careers and develop skills necessary for success in Foundational Career Readiness, Culinary Arts, or Early Childhood Education.

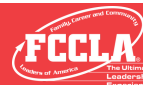
Additional conference plans include the College and Career Readiness Fair on Thursday afternoon, where members meet representatives to learn more about options after high school, as well as resources available to enhance member and chapter success now! Culinary competitions, including ProStart and FCCLA, also take place on Thursday, as well as our opening session where we will meet the keynote speaker. Friday activities include opportunities to participate in outreach projects, meeting our state officers at Montana Mayhem, and the closing recognition session. Attendees should expect to meet dynamic session presenters and compete in fun challenges during both days.

*While some details are still being finalized for the conference, expect all the information on our [website](#) by December 19. Regular registration will open at the lowest rate (\$75) January 4-19, with final registration (\$100) closing on February 4. **No registrations will be accepted once final registration closes.***

Right now is a great time to talk with your chapter adviser and develop a plan for your participation in the State Leadership Conference! We hope to see you there!



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# Culinary Camp in Billings

Fifty high school students and twelve teachers from across Montana participated in the Montana ProStart/FCCLA Culinary Camp, held November 3 at Sysco Montana in Billings. The event provided hands-on learning and career exploration for students interested in culinary arts and hospitality careers while giving educators a chance to sharpen their own skills in a professional setting.

Throughout the day, Sysco staff and industry professionals presented sessions on key areas of the culinary and foodservice industries:

- 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
- Knife Skills Demonstration – Chef Nick Steen, Walker's Grill
- Culinary Tools & Techniques – Greg Beachey, Zwilling/JA Henckels

While students participated in these sessions, teachers took part in the Pork Cookoff Challenge, preparing pork dishes in an environment simulating the ProStart competition. The challenge provided educators with firsthand experience in the competition process while strengthening their instructional and culinary leadership skills.

In the afternoon, both teachers and students teamed up for a marketing challenge, designed to strengthen communication, creativity, and business skills that align with the ProStart Management and Marketing Competition.

An optional networking dinner the evening before the event allowed participants to build connections, with attendees dining at Walker's Grill and The Montana Club in Billings.

Support from Sysco Montana and the Montana Pork Producers Council was essential to the success of the event. Their partnership provided valuable resources, instruction, and mentorship that helped bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world industry experience.

Participants expressed overwhelmingly positive feedback, noting that the event offered both valuable learning experiences and meaningful career inspiration.



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# Welcome To Our Newly Affiliated Chapters!



**Plentywood**  
**Columbia Falls**

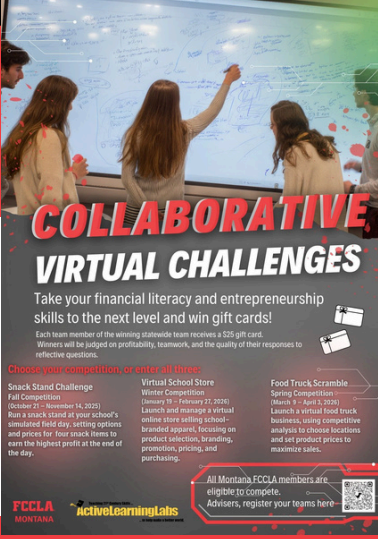
**Glasgow**  
**Fairfield**

**North Star**  
**Sheridan**

**Sidney**

## 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!



## National FCCLA Dates

- December 5:** FCCLA Store Holiday Sale
- January 14-17:** Chapter Adviser Summit
- March 3:** Safe Rides - Save Lives Contest Deadline

For more details, visit [fcclainc.org](http://fcclainc.org)

## Montana FCCLA Dates

- November 30:** Final deadline for Week of Service and State Outreach Project grant applications
  - December 3:** FCS Dine With Your Herd
  - December 5:** Final deadline for Vision Zero applications
  - December 19: SLC information available on the website
  - January 4-19: Early SLC Registration--best rates available!
  - February 4: SLC Registration closes
- For more details, visit [mtfccla.org](http://mtfccla.org)

## District Meeting Highlights

### District 1



District 1 and 3/9 had a fantastic combined meeting with workshops including "The Game of Life- Budgeting Edition," hosted by Power's Personal Finance Class, Birthday in a Bag Community Service Project by Sunburst FCCLA, and an awesome Traffic Safety Simulation Workshop with Conrad FCCLA taking the lead. We elected and welcomed our new officers,  
**President:** Jessica Toeckes, Power  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Nick Bench, Power  
**Parliamentarian:** Daisy Stanley, Conrad  
**Recreation Leader:** Raegan Aaberg, Conrad  
We are excited for the SLC in March and looking forward to the new ideas this group will bring to our District!

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# District Meeting Highlights



## District 8

District 8 had their annual meeting!! They attended many workshops, career connections, birthday bags for kids in their communities, and played a Jeopardy-style game about FCCLA. They also toured the local hospital and businesses. The new officers elected are:  
**President - Griffin Wiens**  
**Vice President - Zane Kyser**  
**Secretary - Amani Probert**

## District 5

The District 5 Meeting was held in Glendive, with several great workshops! Luca and Quinn held their workshop on Career Connections. Morgan and Bailee did a workshop on Driving Safe with FCCLA. They had a special guest, James Easton, from the Montana Chamber of Commerce and he held a workshop on Careers with Connections. Angie Hopes, Fairview's Advisor did a workshop on Yoga! Sidney Advisor, Cheyenne Ryan, put together a game of clue for the district to figure out which chapter stole an item. Chapter Officer Ashlyn lead the Community Service Workshop where district members made cards and goodie bags for the Vets Home in Glendive in honor of Veterans Day! There was also a swing and line dancing workshop. To finish of the District 5 Meeting the following members were elected to the 2025-2026 District Officer Team. Bailee Wirtzfeld - President, Morgan Nelson - Secretary/Treasurer, Clara Harrison - Member Engagement Coordinator, Skarlette LaBelle - Parliamentarian, Harper Radke - Public Relations Coordinator.



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# District Meeting Highlights

## District 4

District 4 had their annual meeting on October 14, 2025. They had an FCCLA Alumni as their guest speaker. They attended fun games, workshops, and several STAR event workshops to find what best fits them. They elected new officers to serve district 4...



Harper Icopini-President  
Abby Fay-Secretary  
Morgan Icopini- Public  
Relations Coordinator



## District 6/7

District 6/7 had their annual district meeting on October 27, 2025! They heard from nutritionists from the University of Montana. They participated in workshops where they could showcase their design skills. They elected new officers to serve district 6/7  
Daisy Anderson-President  
Trevor VanMaanen -Vice President  
Maddie Hinton-Recreation Leader  
Everyone had a wonderful time and it was an awesome turn out!



## District 10

District X had their annual meeting November 4, 2025! We heard from speaker Ben Herrington, from Red Lodge. Members attended workshops where they showcased their FCS skills and their leadership! We have 3 new officers representing district 10  
Hannah Murinon- President  
Quin Mcgee-Vice President  
Mikayla Clements-Secretary  
Everyone had a wonderful time and it was a great turn out!



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# District Meeting Highlights

## Districts 2 and 11

Districts 2 & 11 had a joint annual meeting on November 14, 2025. They had Kristin from HRDC speak and attended 4 different workshops, Teamwork and Love Languages, Planning Process, Power of the Past, Vision Zero/Buckle Up. They elected new officers

District 2:

Brock Romero-President

Ethan Romero - Public Relations

Coordinator

Gracie Bassett- Secretary/Treasurer

District 11:

Wyatt Williams- President

Ella Rolfe- Vice President

Amber Rolfe- Secretary

It was a great turn out and everyone had a fabulous time!!

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## District 3/9

District 3/9 met in Great Falls along with District 1 on November 10.

Officers elected included:

President: Averee Matthews,  
Malta

Secretary: Renzey Raymond,  
Malta

Parliamentarian: Kylie  
Crawford, Fergus

Member Engagement

Coordinator: Isemealla Vincent,  
Fergus

Public Relations Coordinator:  
Mariana Aminkeng, Moore



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## Week of Service Grant Recipients



Congratulations to these chapters who have received the Montana FCCLA Week of Service Grants! Good luck with your outreach projects designed to make a difference in your communities!

**DAWSON COUNTY  
BEAVERHEAD  
BROADWATER  
POWER  
JEFFERSON  
MANHATTAN  
COLUMBUS**



## Career Connection State Outreach Project Grant Recipients

Congratulations to these chapters who have received the Montana FCCLA Week of Service Grants! Good luck with your outreach projects designed to make a difference in your communities!

**THREE FORKS  
POWER  
MANHATTAN**

## It's Time To Submit Service Hours!



FCCLA is all about service, so remember to submit service hours! Use this [Google Form](#) every time you and your chapter have 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!

## Vision Zero Final Deadline December 5!



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.



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## Celebrate FCS with Dine In Day!

In case you did not know, FCS is the acronym for Family and Consumer Sciences, the subject area in which FCCLA is based. Another fun fact is that FCS was previously known as home economics, with the profession changing its name in 1994. Perhaps the most prominent leader of home economics/FCS was Ellen Richards,, who was born on December 3. Learn more about Ellen and FCS [here](#). Annually, FCS celebrates its origin on Ellen's birthday with a Dine In Day. Montana FCCLA encourages members and advisers **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** to Dine With Your Herd. Maybe this means enjoying a great meal at home with your family, maybe this means celebrating a meal out with the friends who treat you like family. Maybe this means inviting someone who needs a family to join you. However your "herd" looks, enjoy some nourishing foods together, snap and upload some photos to social media and tag @fcclamontana or use #mtfccla. Enjoy the celebration!

On December Third,  
**Dine With Your Herd!**

On **December 3**, we honor Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and celebrate the birthday of Ellen Swallows Richards, American chemist and founder of the home economics/FCS movement in the United States.



On Wednesday, December 3, make plans to dine with your family, or the friends you consider family.  
Share a photo on your favorite social media platform and tag @fcclamontana or use #mtfccla



## Board of Directors Seeking New Candidates!

Did you know that each year there are members leaving the Montana FCCLA Board of Directors? While we hate to see them go, it creates an exciting opportunity for new candidates to serve on the board! Board members commit to Zoom meetings approximately six times per year, as well as committee meetings (also held via Zoom) each month. The group also meets in person once, and attendance at the State Leadership Conference and Fall Rally are encouraged. To learn more about who is on our board, how the process works, or to apply, please visit our [website](#).

## FCCLA Store Holiday Sale on December 5

The entire FCCLA Store will be 20% off on December 5, and new holiday items will be available starting on December 1. Visit [fcclainc.org](http://fcclainc.org) and look for "shop" at the top of the screen.

It is a great time to pick up gifts for the people on your list and treat yourself to something too. The FCCLA Store offers a variety of items that make shopping easy while helping you spread holiday cheer.

Use the promo code below at checkout. It will be active on December 5 from 12:00 AM Eastern through 11:59 PM Pacific and can only be applied in the online store.

Promo Code: E24496

Find the perfect FCCLA gift today. Happy shopping!



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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.

<b>NATIONAL DUES</b> \$9 per person Minimum of 12 individuals	+	<b>STATE PER PERSON DUES</b> \$9 per person No Minimum	+	<b>STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$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.

<b>NATIONAL DUES</b> \$250	+	<b>STATE DUES</b> \$135 (based on 15 members; over 15 members are free)	+	<b>STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$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.

<b>NATIONAL DUES</b> \$395	+	<b>STATE DUES</b> \$180 (this includes 5 <u>free</u> memberships)	+	<b>STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$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 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](#)

**\$325 VALUE**

## 4 BIG SKY UNLIMITED AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Unlimited chapter members.

<b>NATIONAL DUES</b> \$775	+	<b>STATE DUES</b> \$405 (based on 45 members; over 45 members are free)	+	<b>STATE CHAPTER DUES</b> \$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.





# 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

**DEADLINE  
EXTENDED!  
APPLY BY  
11/14**

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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:



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of Montana





**MAKE AN IMPACT ON LOCAL TRAFFIC SAFETY**



# **2025-26 VISION ZERO GRANTS**



**Priority application deadline: November 14**  
**Final grant application deadline: December 5**  
**Visit [mtfccla.org](https://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](mailto: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
- All students who complete the course receive a \$5 gift card

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# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Family and Consumer Sciences Day	4	5 Vision Zero Final Grants Due	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 SLC Regular Registration Opens	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Chapter Adviser Summit Washington, D.C.
18	19 SLC Final Registration Opens	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
National Officer Candidate & National Adviser Mentor Applications Due           1	2	3	SLC Final Registration Closes           4	5	6	7
8	9	10	Montana FCCLA and ProStart Competition Documents Due           11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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