

MONTANA FCCLA

February, 2026

News

The State Leadership Conference is March 19-20!



Mike Hall



Brooklynn
Gross



Lindsey
Cobble



Eduardo
Garcia

Save the date for March 19-20 and join members and advisers from all across the state for the 2026 Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference! We are back on the MSU campus in Bozeman and have so many great things in store for you! A few highlights include:

Competitive Events--It's the annual ProStart Culinary and Management competition on Thursday, and don't miss your chance to show off your skills with Skill Demonstration Events or share your STAR Events successes! Our **Keynote Speaker** is Mike Hall, who will share how to live a life of resilience, determination, and synergy with others. In addition to the keynote on Thursday afternoon, Mike will speak at the Leadership Seminar on Friday morning, and present two afternoon sessions on Friday.

FCCLA 101 with Brooklynn Gross--Learn more about all the opportunities available to you in this dynamic organization!

Service opportunities on site at Haven House and on campus at MSU--help survivors of domestic trauma as they transition to a new life by creating home decor items and through food preparation.

State Outreach Project Training Track with Lindsey Cobble--learn more about the 2026-27 Montana FCCLA State Outreach Project Career Connection and develop a plan for your own chapter's outreach project!

Industry Immersion Tour--learn about careers in the hospitality and tourism industry with visits to local businesses

College and Career Readiness Fair--meet representatives from post-secondary institutions all across the state, and learn more about opportunities to help prepare you for success in your future! Also look for the SLC Store while visiting the College and Career Readiness Fair! Supplies are limited to stock on hand.

Montana Mayhem--Meet your 2025-26 State Executive Council and engage in team building and networking opportunities with other members.

General Sessions--We will recognize chapters and individuals for all of their accomplishments throughout the year, and meet the incoming State Executive Council

Service Swag Bags--These goodies are available for chapters submitting service hours and sending photos of their outreach projects to our state office by March 1.

Workshops and sessions specifically designed to help you as you make connections and build your future career value! One featured speaker is chef and entrepreneur Eduardo Garcia who is speaking on Thursday.

FCS Career Connection Training--explore career opportunities, sharpen your skills, and hear from industry experts during Friday's FCS Career Connection sessions.

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SLC Sneak Peek!



You can help put one of the SEC members in a pickle by donating to Haven during the Miracle Moment at SLC's Opening Session! Bring your change, or donate digitally, and the SEC member generating the most donations will be wearing a pickle suit on Friday at SLC.

Haven is also our partner for the SLC Service Project, where attendees will assemble hygiene kits and welcome home kits for clients on Friday afternoon.

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Collect stamps at every workshop you attend and every exhibitor you visit. Collect a prize ticket for each stamp and win prizes and gift cards at the general sessions!

Attendees at Friday's afternoon sessions will receive a Triple Prize Ticket Bonus!!!!



Choose from over 40 incredible workshop sessions to attend Thursday afternoon and Friday! Pack your schedule with your choice of sessions, and be sure to collect a stamp in your program for attendance!

Meet the 2025-26 SEC at Montana Mayhem on Friday, where you can connect with others and participate in challenges!

Collect a set of SEC Trading Cards!
Attendees will receive cards at their District Meeting, then trade with others at the conference to collect a full set.

The Rocky Mountain Credit Union will be on site Friday to present The Game of Life, offering attendees the opportunity to put real life decision making in action!



Download the Eventzee App, and participate in team challenges during the conference. Teams reaching a minimum score will be entered into prize drawings!



Pick up your FCCLA merch at our Conference Store, open during the exhibits on Thursday.

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FCCLA Week Celebrations

FCCLA Week, held February 9-12, is a time to recognize the leadership, service, and career readiness that FCCLA promotes. Throughout the week, our chapters highlighted FCCLA's mission of strengthening families, careers, and communities.

Members participated in special activities, events, and celebrations that showcased our skills, teamwork, and commitment to making a difference. FCCLA Week helps us share what FCCLA is about and encourage others to get involved.

Thank you to our members, advisers, and supporters for helping make FCCLA a meaningful and impactful organization.

~Gracie Baker
VP of Membership



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Welcome To Our Newly Affiliated Chapters!



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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!

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Annual Montana FCCLA Business Meeting

Each year, the Montana FCCLA annual business meeting is held at the State Leadership Conference. According to our bylaws, one adviser from each chapter will serve as a voting delegate. Reserved seating for voting delegates is in the front of the auditorium. At this year's annual meeting, we will vote to fill seats on the board with up to three candidates and take action on a bylaws proposal to allow the Malta chapter to transfer from District 3/9 to District 8. Advisers; see your email from Tracey with full details.

National FCCLA Dates

March 2: Deadlines for Safe Rides - Save Lives Contest, all national program awards, and all national FCCLA scholarships; Registration opens for NLC

May 15: Explore.Act.Tell Annual Challenge Deadline

For more details, visit fcclainc.org

Montana FCCLA Dates

March 1: Montana State Level Outreach Awards due

March 1: Send Tracey 3 photos of your chapter's service efforts AND submit service hours to receive your chapter's Service Swag Bag and recognition at SLC!!

May 31: Final Affiliation Deadline
For more details, visit mtfccla.org

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Scholarships for Future FCS Professionals

Become a Family & Consumer Sciences Professional! Are you passionate about helping others and shaping the future? Do you want to make a lasting impact? Now is your chance to join a thriving field with endless opportunities for growth and service!

Montana State University's College of Education, Health & Human Development is awarding over \$45,000 in scholarships annually to students pursuing degrees in Family & Consumer Sciences, Human Development & Family Science, and Early Childhood Education. Plus, we prioritize scholarships specifically for future Family & Consumer Sciences Teachers, supporting students who are dedicated to shaping the next generation of professionals.

Whether you're interested in teaching, counseling, or working with children and families, MSU's programs are the perfect place to build your career and make a difference.

Learn more at these links:

[Family and Consumer Sciences Education](#)

[Human Development and Family Science](#)

Don't miss out! Apply by the scholarship **priority deadline of February 1** and take the first step toward becoming a leader in the field of Family & Consumer Sciences. [Montana State University Scholarships](#)



Chapter Recognition Opportunities at SLC

Hands down, Montana has some of the most impressive chapters in the entire nation! Be sure your chapter is getting the recognition it deserves! Check with your chapter adviser to see how you can help with your chapter's recognition applications for these awards:

Montana FCCLA Service Hall of Fame: Send 3-5 photos of your chapter's service projects in action to Tracey at director@mtfccla.org **and** submit your chapter's service hours on the Montana FCCLA [website](#) by March 1.

Vision Zero State Level Awards: Complete a [brief report](#) about your chapter's efforts to increase traffic safety in your community by March 1. Top chapters will receive a cash award.

Career Connection State Outreach Project: Complete a [brief report](#) about your chapter's Families First outreach project by March 1. Top chapters will receive a cash award.

Montana FCCLA Week of Service: Complete a [brief report](#) about your chapter's Week of Service outreach project by March 1. Top chapters will be recognized.

Montana STAR Chapter Award: Many levels of recognition are available in this award that asks chapters to document their involvement throughout the year. [Applications](#) are due on the website by February 15.

Visit mtfccla.org today and nominate and apply for all the awards FCCLA offers!

**Did you know Zwilling offers discounts for schools?
Email Jordan at jordan@mtfccla.org for details about
setting up your educator account!**



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Somebody's Turning 80.....

That's right, Montana FCCLA is celebrating its 80th birthday this year, and we are proud to be showing our age! Join the celebration at our State Leadership Conference!

One of our celebrations includes photos from ALL the years of Montana FCCLA. So, now is a great time to find your favorite alumni or adviser, and learn about what their FCCLA (or FHA/HERO) experience was like. Ask them to share their historical photos of the organization by sending a copy to director@mtfcla.org



2026 National Leadership Conference is in Washington, D.C. July 6-10

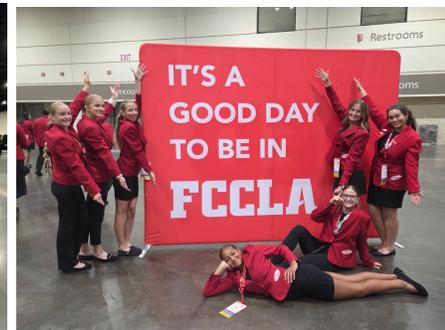
Start making plans now to join us in Washington, D.C., from July 6-10, 2026, for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference!

Centered around the theme "ConneCTEd," this inspiring event will bring together thousands of FCCLA Members, Advisers, and Guests from across the country. Attendees will have the chance to network with peers, explore the nation's capital, and take part in engaging, hands-on workshops that will leave you feeling empowered and motivated to lead.



You will also hear from renowned speakers who will share their journeys and insights, sparking new ideas and passions. Throughout the conference, you will build essential skills like effective communication, team-building, and problem-solving—tools that will serve you well not only in FCCLA but throughout your life and career. **The Montana NLC Registration Guide is available to help you have a great conference!**

Do not miss this incredible opportunity to grow as a leader, make lifelong connections, and experience all that Washington, D.C., has to offer. Get ready to stay ConneCTEd in D.C.—and make 2026 a conference to remember!



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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 Knife Skills
- Fashion Sketch
- FCCLA Creed Speaking & Interpretation
- Impromptu Speaking
- Interviewing Skills
- Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills
- Speak Out for FCCLA
- Technology In Teaching
- Toys That Teach



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 2026 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
- Child Development: Early Stages Through Adolescence
- Counseling and Mental Health Services
- Culinary Math
- FCCLA Knowledge
- Hospitality Services
- Housing and Interior Design
- Interpersonal Relationships Challenge
- Math for Financial Literacy
- Nutrition & Wellness for Life
- Principles of Food Science
- Principles of Human Services
- School to Career
- Teaching
- Working with Young Children



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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.

\$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

\$ 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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Email Tracey to obtain the chapter fee waiver code!

3 TOP 25 AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Up to 25 members.

\$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](#)**

\$ 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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4 BIG SKY UNLIMITED AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Unlimited chapter members.

\$1245 TOTAL

\$ 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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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.



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State Leadership Conference Shop

Thursday, 11:30-3:00 at the College & Career Readiness Fair



**Stickers
\$1 each**



Pens, \$2

Socks \$5

Beanies, \$10

Belt Bag, \$10



Mug, \$12

Blanket, \$30

Hoodies, \$35

Sweatshirt, \$38



**Vintage Montana FCCLA shirts
\$5 each or 3 for \$10**

**Supplies are limited !
Electronic payments only
(PayPal, Venmo)**





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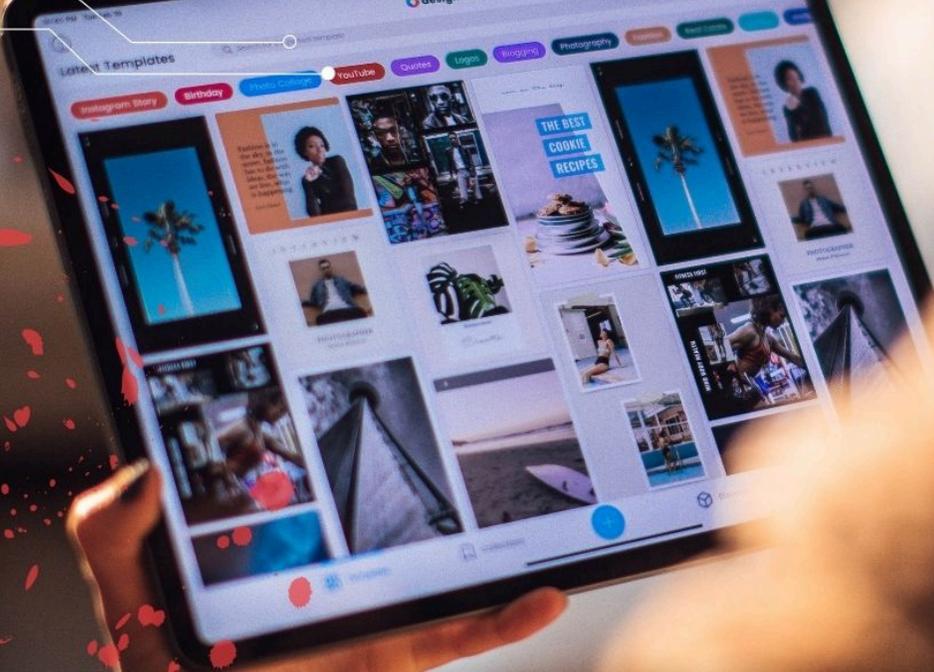
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FEBRUARY 2026

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

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MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
National Program Awards & State Level Awards & Grant Final Reports due ¹	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	ProStart Competition & State Leadership Conference in Bozeman ¹⁹	State Leadership Conference in Bozeman ²⁰	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			National Chapter and Adult Award Applications Due 1	2	3	4
5	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		

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