MONTANA FCCLA News

October, 2026

Bulletin Board Contest Winner Announced!



Congratulations to the **Stevensville FCCLA Chapter** for their winning entry in the Montana FCCLA Bulletin Board contest! Thanks to all who entered and shared their great ideas for promoting FCCLA in their schools.

Next up--SLC T-Shirt Design Contest due 12/1 and the Trading Pin Design Contest due 1/1!





Fall Leadership Rally Highlights

The 2026 Fall Leadership Rally took place in Billings, September 27-28. Attendees networked, learned, and explored their own leadership potential as they gained new ideas and developed chapter plans for the year. Enjoy some of the photo highlights of the conference!











Welcome To Our Newly Affiliated Chapters!

Augusta
Billings West
Billings Skyview
Billings Senior
Broadwater
East Helena
Fairfield
Fergus
Huntley Project
Medicine Lake
Moore
Shepherd
Sheridan
Stevensville
Sunburst



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: Challenge Test Registration Deadline
October 17-20: Orlando Fall Leadership Institute
November 1: Fall Chapter Affiliation Deadline
November 2: Adviser Academy Registration closes
November 2: Chapter Adviser Summit registration opens
November 12-15: Anaheim Fall Leadership Institute
January 13-16: Chapter Adviser Summit
March 3: Safe Rides - Save Lives Contest Deadline

For more details, visit fcclainc.org

Montana FCCLA Dates

October 13: District 4 Meeting
October 15: ProStart Program Incentive application due
October 21: District 2 & 11 Meeting
October 26: District 8 Meeting
October 28: District 1 and District 6/7 Meetings
November 2: Chapter Adviser Summit Scholarship due **November 2**: Culinary Camp
November 10: District 5 Meeting
November 16: Priority deadline for Vision Zero, Local Impact and State Outreach Project grant applications
November 17: District 3/9 Meeting
November 19: District 10 Meeting
December 3: FCS Dine With Your Herd
For more details, visit mtfccla.org

Chapters Celebrate Be A Teacher Day!



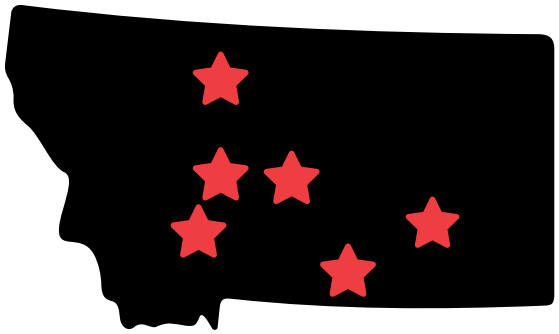
Broadwater: Educator panel discussion & career research

National Be a Teacher Day

Augusta: Teacher Shadow Day







Forsyth: Treats for Teachers



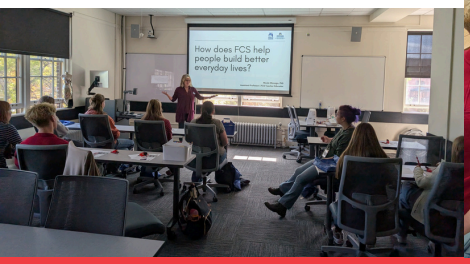
Bridger: Cookes & Cards for Teacher Appreciation

Harlowton: All Staff Appreciation Day

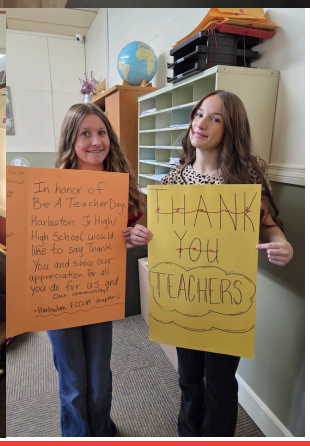


Manhattan: MSU tours--check out the news feature.









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.

Chapter Adviser Summit Scholarship

Montana FCCLA chapter advisers are encouraged to apply for the Chapter Adviser Summit Scholarship. This award supports attendance to the 2027 Chapter Adviser Summit held in San Antonio, Texas, January 13-16. Full details and the application form can be found at this link. Applications are being accepted through **November 2**

Spotlight On Service

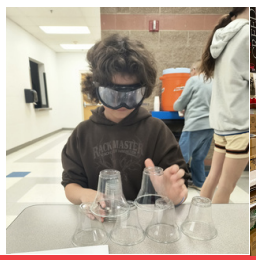
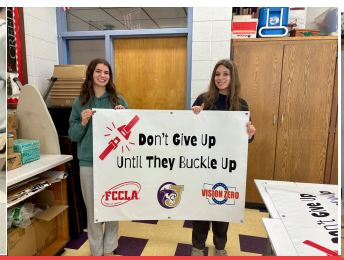
FCCLA is all about service, so remember to submit service hours! Use this Google Form every time you and your chapter has hours to submit, then chapter advisers receive a quarterly email with the statistics. Be sure to submit your service hours regularly to receive recognition for your efforts!

State Outreach Project

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 2026-27 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 by November 16 (priority) or December 7 (final). 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 16 and a final deadline of December 7. After completing your project, be sure to submit the final report by March 1 to be eligible for state-level awards.




Connect With Us!

MONTANA STATE ASSOCIATION

All About Service

In the 2026-27 membership year, 29 chapters participated in the reporting of service hours, with a total of over 16,998 hours submitted! While this is an incredible amount of volunteer activity for our organization, our state actually had 62 affiliated chapters in the 2025-26 year. This means that just a little less than half of our chapters submitted service hours, which makes one wonder just how many hours we might have if all the chapters participated?!

Of course, this gives Montana FCCLA an incredible opportunity for growth in the coming year. In an effort to get more chapters reporting service hours in 2026-27, let's take a closer look at what participation can mean to chapters and members, as well as the opportunities participation creates for us all statewide.

Why Submit?

- **Members** have valuable data to include in scholarship and resume applications.
- **Chapters** have documented hours to use when promoting FCCLA in their local community for fundraising, membership, etc.
- **Member awards** this is a great tool to use when recognizing members.
- **State recognition** eligilbity for Montana FCCLA awards includes service hours tracking.
- **Supplemental funding** is available to Montana FCCLA based on service hours documentation.

How To Submit

Reporting your chapter's service hours is easy! Visit mtfccla.org and click on "Service Hours". Scroll down on the page and download the "Service Hours Reporting Instructions". Members can print a personal service hour log and document their contributions throughout the year. In the **What I Did** section, indicate the day of the month (per row) and provide a brief description of what you did. This includes activities you complete when gaining work experience or activities completed in conjunction with your FCCLA chapter (activities completed outside of FCCLA chapter programming should not be counted). If an activity is completed in conjunction with another CTSO, you must select only one CTSO to count the hours.

In the Type of Service section, record the number of hours spent on that activity. Track all time spent on the activity including research, meetings, preparation and the actual event. An activity may have more than one type of service. If that occurs, split the total number of hours between the different types of service.

Next, total your hours per type of service and submit to the designated person in your chapter. Chapter leaders and advisers can submit chapter monthly reports using this link, found on the Montana FCCLA website under Community Outreach> Service Hours.

All About Service, continued

What Counts As Service?

- **Direct Service** - activities that require you to have direct contact with people.
- **Indirect Service** - your work behind the scenes to channel resources to the project rather than working directly with an individual who may need the service.
- **Advocacy** - service experience that requires you to lend your voice and talents to the effort to address a problem.
- **Leadership** - roles you serve that supports FCCLA programming at local, district, state and national levels.
- **Fundraising** - fundraising that support FCCLA chapter activities.
- **Work experience** - work you do that builds your human capital and prepares you for a future career; this can be work for pay or unpaid and should be related to a FCS Career Pathway.

Benefits of Submitting

By adding service hours to your FCCLA routine, members will have a running document of their involvement and dedication to helping others. Many times, scholarship, college applications, and award programs will ask about details such as community involvement and contributions. A member tracking their hours will have a document ready with all the information they need!

In addition to this benefit, chapters are recognized quarterly for their service contributions with the Montana FCCLA Service Hall of Fame. Each quarter, top reporting chapters are recognized, and at the State Leadership Conference held in March, the three chapters reporting the most hours per chapter member are recognized on stage!

Did you know there have already been 382 hours submitted this year?

Another benefit helps everyone all across the state. When Montana FCCLA applies for grant funding or communicates our accomplishments with potential funders, we can share these incredible contributions with others. Ultimately, this delivers opportunities for all of our chapters, such as increased chapter mini-grants, state award programs, and so much more! Please consider sharing your contributions throughout the year by submitting FCCLA service hours!






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 orgin on Ellen's birthday with a Dine In Day. Montana FCCLA encourages members and advisers **December 3rd** 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!



Chapter Spotlight: Harlowton FCCLA



The Harlowton FCCLA Chapter is truly special. We spend mornings each month connecting and sharing ideas. But, what makes us the most notable is our yearly Christmas tree selling. I know-I know, it sounds silly, but it is truly so rewarding. If you saw the smiles on the faces of those who purchase our Christmas trees, you would think it is just as special as we do. The connections each member makes between each other while we spend hours in the mountains cutting down the perfect trees, is truly amazing. I have never seen communication click between individuals as quickly as this activity does. Let this be your sign to DO that fun activity for the community:).
~Hannah Murnion, Montana FCCLA President





Building Your ProStart Team

As a ProStart educator, one of your most exciting—and challenging—tasks of the year is building your competition teams. Whether your students are aiming for culinary glory or management mastery, the secret to success isn't just finding the students with the best knife skills or the highest grades. It is about creating a balanced, cohesive unit.

Here is how to strategically assemble your ProStart dream teams this season:

Look Beyond Technical Skill

While a student who can perfect a julienne or build a flawless spreadsheet is valuable, attitude and soft skills matter more. Look for students who demonstrate:

- Reliability: Competition season requires hours of after-school practices. You need students who show up every single time.
- Coachability: Can they take constructive criticism from you and industry mentors without getting discouraged?
- Resilience: When a sauce breaks or a presentation note is missed, who stays calm under pressure?

Hold a Transparent "Tryout" Process

To ensure fairness and buy-in, establish a clear selection process. Host a mini-competition or a series of workshop challenges. Have students submit a brief application explaining why they want to compete and how they plan to manage their time. This instantly filters out those who aren't fully committed to the rigorous schedule ahead.

Cross-Train Your Alternates

Never treat your alternates as second-best. In ProStart, an alternate is just one unexpected flu bug away from being on the main stage. Embed your alternates deeply into every practice, menu tasting, and management run-through. A well-prepared alternate gives your entire team the confidence to succeed.

The Bottom Line: Skills can be taught, but passion, dedication, and teamwork must be cultivated. Start scouting your classroom talent now, and you'll build a team that makes you proud—regardless of where they place on the podium.

Good luck with your recruitment, and here's to an incredible ProStart competition season!



Culinary Camp is Back!

Save the date! Montana ProStart/FCCLA's Culinary Camp is back in Billings on November 2! Attendees will explore careers in the culinary world, learn from industry experts, and practice skills for success in the culinary world. Pre-conference events offered include ServSafe exam proctoring, tours of The Northern Hotel, and a four-course dinner served by the experts at Sysco. Consider joining us if you are a seasoned culinary-arts pro, or if you are new to the culinary world and ready to learn more. Registration is open through October 21; check out the flyer at the end of the newsletter for full details.



ProStart Program Incentives

Teachers--Have you been daydreaming of some classroom upgrades for you ProStart program? Or maybe you just wish you had a little bit of financial help to purchase the items your school needs to start offering ProStart to your students. Announcing the 2026 ProStart Program Incentive, designed to offer exactly that kind of support for both existing and new ProStart programs. So, check out the full details in the flyer at the end of the newsletter, develop your itemized budget for the request, and submit it using the form at the QR code by October 15. Funds are limited, so apply today!



Inside the Red Jacket: Montana FCCLA's Podcast



Podcast season is back! Check out our first episode of the 2026-27 year and learn more about District Meetings with Jessica Toeckes, State Vice President of Parliamentary Law.
Learn from fellow members and advisers about what is working for them and how they leave a legacy in their local communities.Explore our growing library of episodes, and If you have ideas for future episodes, email Tracey at director@mtfccla.org

Chapter Affiliation and Instructional Support 2026-27

Montana chapters can choose from four affiliation options, including three instructional support packages that may qualify for Perkins funding to reduce fundraising and participation cost barriers for students and families

1 TRADITIONAL AFFILIATION

Each student in grades 6-12 who engages with or benefits from FCCLA programming should be affiliated. Affiliation dues are paid from chapter fundraising or an individual fee. Fees include:

- $65 flat-rate chapter fee (directly supports State Officer Programming)
- $18 per member ($9 to MT FCCLA + $9 to National FCCLA with a minimum of 12 members)

SUPPORTING TEACHERS, STRENGTHENING CHAPTERS: PACKAGE OPTIONS

Instructional support packages #2-4 provide valuable benefits for both teachers and students, including:

- Access to instructional resources **valued at more than $500**
  - **Seven National FCCLA Programs**, each featuring 70+ ready-to-use lesson plans that integrate FCCLA into everyday classroom instruction.
  - **Knowledge Hub and Testing Readiness** resources, including Competitive Event and National Program overview videos.
- Flat-rate payment eligible for **Perkins funding**, helping reduce participation barriers and promote equitable student access.
  - Fee includes National FCCLA Chapter Adviser affiliation, chapter fee, and state and national student membership dues.

2 MIDDLE LEVEL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PACKAGE

- Package includes 27+members grade 9 or younger
- Requires a separate affiliation from a high school chapter
- Email Tracey for support when setting up multiple chapters

$450 TOTAL

3 TOP 25 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PACKAGE

Includes membership for up to 25 students; additional students are $18 each.

$640 TOTAL

4 UNLIMITED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PACKAGE

Membership for 45 or more members!

$1245 TOTAL

HOW CHAPTER GROWTH BENEFITS YOU

- **Increase Your Funding:** Receive $400 in Montana CTE funding plus a per-member allocation. Increasing membership this year boosts your 2027–28 funding.
- **Strengthen Montana FCCLA:** Higher statewide membership increases state funding, expanding resources for chapter advisers and student leadership opportunities.

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2026-27 STATE OUTREACH PROJECT

CAREER CONNECTION

FCCLA MONTANA

CAREER CONNECTION

Montana FCCLA's State Outreach Project empowers chapters and members to engage in career exploration, build employability skills, and take action in their schools and communities.







Chapters are encouraged to participate individually or as a chapter (or both!) to earn incentives and recognition as Montana FCCLA chapters prepare members for career success. The 2026 State Outreach Project includes many participation options, including:

MEMBER AND ADVISER TRAINING (OUTREACH PROJECT)

- All advisers attending the 2026 Montana FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally (September 27-28 in Billings) will receive a complimentary copy of Career Connections, a comprehensive career-readiness curriculum and training for curriculum integration.
- Advisers unable to attend may request a copy of Career Connection by submitting the form linked here or scanning the QR code and completing the form by **October 1.**
- Each chapter may register up to three student members to participate in the State Outreach Project training at the Rally. Attendees will learn about the project, gain project resources, and plan and implement an outreach project.

PROJECT RESOURCES & SUPPORT

- No matter which participation option(s) you choose, members can increase their career preparation skills. Real world resources are available all across the state to support chapter outreach projects.

LEARN MORE AT MTFCCLA.ORG

CHAPTER MINI-GRANTS AND RECOGNITION

- Chapters can apply for mini-grants to support outreach projects and earn recognition for exemplary projects.
- Mini-grant applications are on our website: priority deadline is November 13; final deadline is December 4
- Final report due March 1
- State-level cash awards: $500 for 1st place, $300 for 2nd place, $200 for 3rd place. See the project guide by Career Connection unit (with implementation guides) on our website.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER RECOGNITION

- Complete Career Connection Bingo--five in a row, any direction--then complete this brief survey using the link or the QR code.
- Submit by February 1 to be entered in a statewide drawing for Amazon gift cards
- Receive recognition at the State Leadership Conference and in the Montana FCCLA Newsletter
- Members may complete as many activities as they choose, but each member is eligible to win only once

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PROJECT SPONSOR: Reach Higher Montana

GET INVOLVED ⚙ MAKE AN IMPACT ⚙ BUILD YOUR FUTURE

Montana FCCLA
Week of Service



MAKE A DIFFERENCE--STATEWIDE!

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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

DEADLINE EXTENDED! APPLY BY 11/14

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.

FCCLA MONTANA STATE ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE

MONTANA FCCLA
LOCAL IMPACT PROJECT



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Final grant application deadline: DECEMBER 7

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Application results announced March 1
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FACTS
FAMILIES ACTING FOR COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY

MAKE AN IMPACT ON LOCAL TRAFFIC SAFETY



2026–27 VISION ZERO GRANTS

VISION ZERO | FCCLA MONTANA STATE ASSOCIATION

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 16

FINAL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 7

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).

Together, we can create safer roads and brighter futures in our Montana communities!

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

MONTANA ProStart
National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

Sysco

UP TO $900 AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PROSTART PROGRAM!



2026 ProStart Program Participation Incentives

Montana ProStart offers participation incentives to support program start-up, growth and student success in culinary education.
Special thanks to Sysco for supporting Montana ProStart.

WHY PROSTART?

ProStart connects students to the culinary industry, linking experienced professionals with culinary arts classrooms. Program participants receive a unique opportunity to develop high-demand, career-ready skills in one of Montana's top industries!

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Montana ProStart Leadership and Service Scholarship
- Montana ProStart Ultimate Leader Award
- Certificate of Achievement (COA) recognition
- Participation in the Montana ProStart Invitational
  March 18, 2027 in Bozeman

INCENTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

NEW PROSTART PROGRAMS

$900 START-UP INCENTIVE

- Program launch expenses
- ProStart textbooks

50% of grant funding will be prioritized for new ProStart program support

CONFIRMED PROGRAMS

UP TO $600 FOR:

- Equipment and/or supplies for the ProStart classroom
- Updated ProStart textbooks
- Travel to ProStart/FCCLA Culinary Camp in Billings
- Student or instructor ServSafe® certification

APPLY BY OCTOBER 15!

1. Secure administrator support for ProStart participation
2. Scan the QR code to submit the required form
3. Submit by **October 15**
4. Project approvals will be emailed within one week
5. Confirm your ProStart program with Jordan by the national ProStart deadline. Reach out to Jordan with questions at **jordan@mtfccla.org**
6. Award payments will be sent by **December 1.**

SCAN TO APPLY!

LIMITED FUNDING AVAILABLE!
FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED— *apply early!*

QUESTIONS?
Tracey Eatherton
tracey@mtfccla.org

PROGRAM CONTACT:
Jordan Collins
jordan@mtfccla.org

Learn more about Montana ProStart at **mtfccla.org/prostart**



2026 MONTANA Culinary Camp



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

HOSTED AT SYSCO
1509 Monad Road • Billings, Montana

Sysco — At the heart of food and service

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

STUDENTS

- ProStart students
- Culinary Arts students

Each school may register up to four student participants

EDUCATORS

- Confirmed ProStart educators
- Culinary Arts educators
- Family & Consumer Sciences educators
- Teachers interested in FCCLA or ProStart competitions
- Educators exploring ProStart implementation

REGISTRATION

EARLY REGISTRATION	FINAL REGISTRATION
$30 PER ATTENDEE	$60 PER ATTENDEE
OCTOBER 1–14	OCTOBER 15–21

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 21

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Culinary Camp materials
- Lunch
- Exclusive Culinary Camp gift

LODGING

Best Western Plus ClockTower Inn
2511 1st Ave N | Billings, MT 59101
$109 per room before taxes; breakfast included
Call 406-238-1793 to make your reservations by October 14 and mention "Montana Pro Start" or use this link to book

Trailhead Inn 5500 Midland Road
Billings, MT 59101
$89 per room; breakfast included
Call 406-248-7701 to make your reservations by October 1 and mention "Montana Pro Start"

Avid Hotel Billings West
3350 Ember Lane
Billings, MT, 59102
$109 per room; breakfast included
Call 406-506-0844 to make your reservations by October 3 and mention "Pro Start Meeting"

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Chef attire is encouraged.

Alternative attire includes:

- School spirit wear
- Khaki or black pants
- Jeans without holes

Please bring an apron if possible.

REQUIRED:
Closed-toe, non-skid shoes

REQUIRED:
Hair secured during kitchen activities

OPTIONAL SUNDAY EXPERIENCES • NOVEMBER 1

SERVSAFE® FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

Complete your certification with complimentary exam proctoring provided by Sysco

**Pre-registration and prior completion of online instruction are required.*

NORTHERN HOTEL TOUR

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of The Northern Hotel in Billings—an upscale boutique hotel in downtown Billings. Explore hospitality operations and learn what it takes to deliver exceptional guest experiences.

FINE DINING EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a four-course culinary experience hosted by Sysco while learning about menu design and guest experience

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

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Montana ProStart — National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
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Montana pork — Producers Council

SCAN TO REGISTER!



STUDENT PRIZES UP TO $450

HARVEST OF THE MONTH MEAL PLANNING CHALLENGE

Hosted by Montana Team Nutrition

- Seeking 7-12 grade teachers interested in implementing a fun grab and go menu planning lesson! See QR code for the lesson plan and registration.
- Students will learn about seasonal MT foods and complete the meal planning challenge in SY 2026-2027. Submissions due March 1st. Awards to be announced April 2027.
- Students may use this as a FCCLA project.
- A panel of school nutrition and farm to school professionals will score the entries based on the rubric in the lesson plan.
- Three students will win up to $450, with prizes for first place, ($450), second place ($300) and third place ($150), awarded in winter 2026.

SCAN CODE FOR LESSON PLAN

montana.edu/teamnutrition/

CONTACT:
HALEY.SCOTT1@MONTANA.EDU
406-994-5641

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

TEAM Nutrition Montana

WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE
FCCLA MONTANA

T-SHIRT DESIGN Contest



YOUR DESIGN COULD BE FEATURED ON THE 2027 MONTANA FCCLA SLC SHIRT!

SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN BY DECEMBER 1

The top five entries will be featured on our social media accounts for public voting
Review the complete contest rules before submitting

FCCLA Family, Career and Community Leaders of America — The Ultimate Leadership Experience
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TRADING PIN DESIGN CONTEST





Your design could represent *Montana* at the National Leadership Conference!

★

Create the official trading pin Montana FCCLA members will exchange with members from across the nation.

TOP ENTRIES

Appear on social media for voting!

WINNING DESIGN

Receives an Amazon gift card

DEADLINE JANUARY 1

Submit your design online by January 1

PREVIOUS DESIGN SAMPLES:



What will your design look like?

READY TO DESIGN?

Scan for contest guidelines and to submit your entry.



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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.

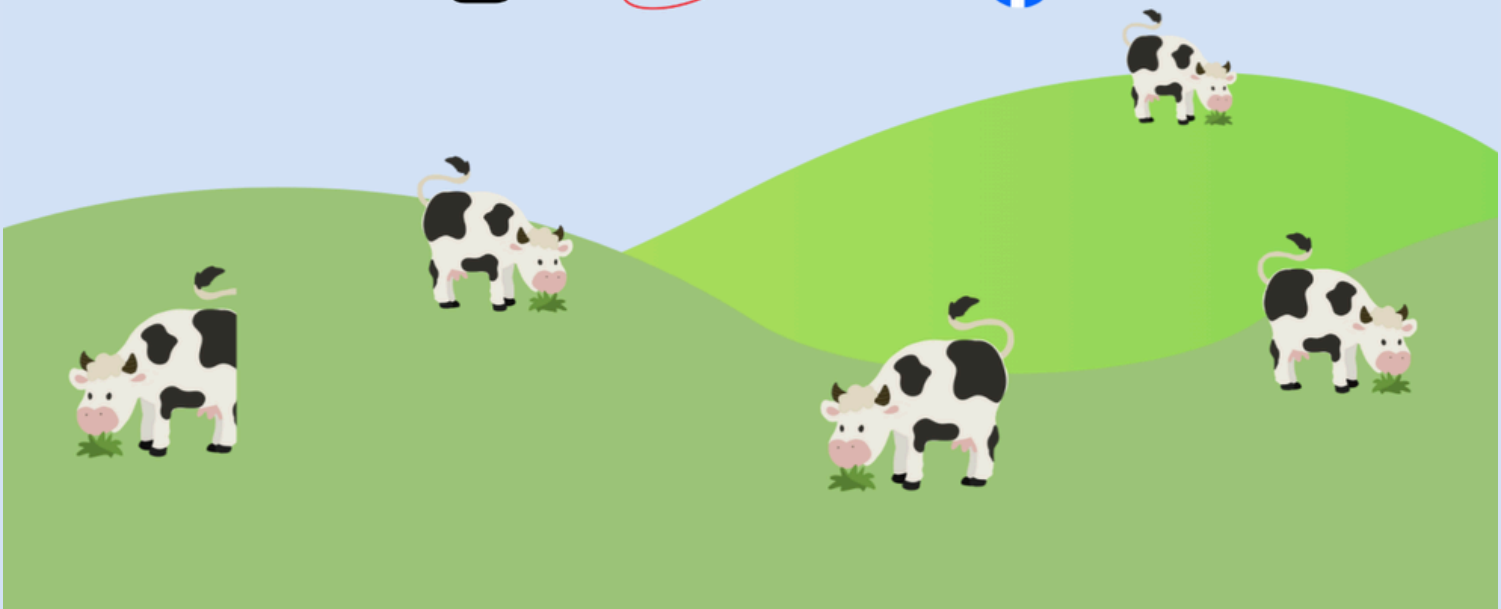






On Thursday, December 3, make plans to dine with your family, or the friends you consider family.
Share a photo on your favorite social media platform and tag @fcclamontana or use #mtfccla

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OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	01 CULINARY CAMP EARLY REGISTRATION OPENS	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13 ADVISER POWER HOUR, 4;30 VIA ZOOM	14 CULINARY CAMP EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS	15 CULINARY CAMP FINAL REGISTRATION BEGINS; PROSTART GRANT APPS DUE	16	17 FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, ORLANDO
18 FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, ORLANDO	19 FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, ORLANDO	20 FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, ORLANDO	21 CULINARY CAMP FINAL REGISTRATION ENDS	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT MEETING!

UPDATE THE STAR CHAPTER APPLICATION

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DISTRICT OFFICER FORMS ARE DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DISTRICT MEETING; EXAMS MUST BE COMPLETED THE DAY BEFORE THE DISTRICT MEETING.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 ADVISER ACADEMY REGISTRATION CLOSES	02 CHAPTER ADVISER SUMMIT SCHOLARSHIP APP. DUE CULINARY CAMP, BILLINGS	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10 ADVISER POWER HOUR, 4;30 VIA ZOOM	11	12 FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, ANAHEIM	13 FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, ANAHEIM	14 FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, ANAHEIM
15 FLI ANAHEIM	16 PRIORITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE FOR VISION ZERO, SOP, AND LOCAL IMPACT	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	01	02	03	04	05

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