

MINNESOTA FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

Building Leadership Skills

Minnesota Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a student leadership organization that focuses on youth, peer education and family. FCCLA empowers young women and men to be active leaders in their family, school and community by addressing important personal, family, work and societal issues.

FCCLA programs encourage teamwork, positive communications, healthy relationships, community involvement, financial management and career development.

Involvement in FCCLA helps youth develop skills that are necessary in the home and workplace such as planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication.

Mission

Promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education, focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader. Members develop skills for life through:

- Character development;
- Creative and critical thinking;
- Interpersonal communications;
- Practical knowledge; and
- Vocational preparation.

Purposes

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
2. To strengthen the function of the family as the basic unit of society.
3. To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and family.
4. To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
5. To institute greater understanding between youth and adults.
6. To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.
7. To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
8. To develop interest in family and consumer sciences, family and consumer science careers and related occupations.

Financial and Cooperative Support

Minnesota FCCLA is supported by student membership dues, events and program revenue, grants from state and private foundations and individual donations.

Governance

Eight state officers are elected by voting delegates at the Annual State Conference and together make up the State Executive Council.

The State Board of Directors is composed of representatives from businesses, regional director advisors, state officers, national officers from the State of Minnesota and ex officio members.

There are nine regions in Minnesota. The regions elect four regional officers and a Junior High Council member every year during mid-winter. The regional officers organize two regional conventions each year, one in fall and one in mid-winter.

Local chapters elect their own youth officers that govern the local chapter. Most chapter advisors are Family and Consumer Science professionals.

Membership

MN FCCLA has a state membership of young men and women in nearly 200 schools. Members of the state association have participated in a Personal and Family Life Science course.

State Staff

An executive director leads the organization and heads state staff that gives direction to and coordinates programs, communications, membership services and financial management.

The executive director coordinates communications and participation in national events with the national organization of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Publications and Supply Service

The *Horizon* is the official newspaper of FCCLA. It is published three times a year and is distributed to affiliated members.

The *Minnesota Advisor* is a newsletter for all affiliated chapter advisors.

Teen Times is a national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America publication that is distributed quarterly during the school year to affiliated members.

MN FCCLA and nationals publish a variety of resources. The Minnesota FCCLA supply service provides emblematic materials, member items, recognition items and handbooks.

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