



Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Inc. and American Cancer Society National Youth Partner Fact Sheet

The Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Inc. (FCCLA) is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12.

Building Skills for Life

The Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence, and career exploration.

Involvement in the FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life – such as planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication – that are necessary in the home and workplace.

Mission

The FCCLA's mission is to 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:

- Creative and critical thinking
- Character development
- Interpersonal communication
- Practical knowledge
- Career preparation

Program Emphasis

The FCCLA:

- Is the only in-school student organization with the family as its central focus
- Is a career and technical student organization that functions as an integral part of the family and consumer sciences education curriculum and operates within the school system
- Provides opportunities for active student participation at local, state, and national levels

Membership

The FCCLA has a national membership of approximately 220,000 young men and women in 7,500 local chapters. There are 53 state associations, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Since its founding in 1945, the FCCLA has involved more than 10 million youth. Former members are eligible to participate through the Alumni & Associates portion. More information on the FCCLA can be found at www.fcclainc.org.

The FCCLA and the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society and the FCCLA have been partners since 2005. In 2007, FCCLA members representing 320 teams raised more than \$366,000 for the American Cancer Society through their local Relay For Life events. The FCCLA will encourage its students to participate as teams and committee members in their local Relay For Life events.

How to Work with the FCCLA

- Please ensure that FCCLA teams include FCCLA in their team name (example: FCCLA Angels) and complete the required affiliation section online or on the scannable form.
- To locate a FCCLA chapter at a high school in your community, please contact your local high school or call FCCLA national headquarters toll free at 1-800-234-4425.
- The FCCLA has placed a link to www.cancer.org on their Web site.
- Send FCCLA team stories and photos to Division youth leads.
- The FCCLA and the American Cancer Society will work together throughout the year to evaluate specific needs and opportunities for both groups.
- Recognize FCCLA participation at community Relays.



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