



TEXAS
STATE ASSOCIATION

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FCCLA Update **TEXAS**



**2016-17 STATE THEME—
RISE.LEAD.SUCCEED
SUMMITS OF SUCCESS**

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PLANNED

Check out the Texas FCCLA website for dates and locations of the fall leadership workshops that are hosted by region and state officers. These meetings are a perfect way for your local members to learn about FCCLA and meet members from your area of the state. They are informative and fun.....something to start your year off with a bang!

WHEN AFFILIATING YOUR CHAPTER

Please go to the national FCCLA website and start your affiliation process. If you are a new advisor and need assistance, call the FCCLA office for assistance and resources. Please make sure to use your school name when naming your chapter. It is important not to use initials like AHS FCCLA.....there are many AHS's in Texas and when pulling data, that is the only information that we get from the system. We will be changing some of the chapter's existing names internally so don't be surprised if you see a change in your chapter name when affiliating.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL

Hats off to Texas FCCLA for increasing membership during the 2015-16 school year. The officers set a goal to have over 25,000 members this year. Please work on promoting the organization and helping members Rise, Lead and Succeed in the organization before the November 1 affiliation deadline. Let's Go for the Red Texas!

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT WEEK APPROACHING

September 12-16, 2016 has been designated as Texas Membership Recruitment Week. Please plan some outstanding activities and share your successes with us by completing the form on the Texas website.

PEER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The FCCLA Peer Education conference is scheduled for October 8-9, 2016 in Waco. Information on the conference has been posted to the state FCCLA website. The conference will be open to 400 members and advisors and registration will be on a first come-first serve basis. Look for the schedule and registration materials soon. Registration is open until September 16.

There will not be a Career Showcase this year; we are asking those participants to join us at the State FCCLA meeting in April.

COMPETITIVE EVENT GUIDEBOOK

The edited 2016-17 Competitive Event Guidebook is anticipated to be linked to the Texas FCCLA website by September 15. Texas will be using the national rules and rubrics; but will also have state guidelines. This will provide consistency between state and national competition.

NEW PROFICIENCY EVENTS category...THIS YEAR

Texas is adding a Senior Category to the Cupcake Battle this year. This addition will allow students that are taking a food science course or have a unit of study on nutrition to participate. Details can be found in the guidebook.

LAQUINTA CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP

Planning a school or family trip? Remind all of your members that **anyone** can use the FCCLA code and get a reduced price at LaQuinta Hotels. Reservations can be made through the FCCLA Website or by using the code **TFCCLA** when making reservations on the LaQuinta website or in a hotel. Encourage all organizations and groups (band, drill team, dance groups, other organizations) to use the code to help them out with the costs of their travel and to help FCCLA at the same time.

SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR

Scholarship applications will be updated soon for graduating seniors to apply. Applications are due March 1 but it is not too early to start planning. Texas FCCLA awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarship last year!

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS COMPETITION

State Fair of Texas offers competition on Ag Awareness Day, Tuesday, October 11 in Dallas. Don't miss out on opportunities for your students. Information can be found on the State Fair of Texas website.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 12-16- **Membership Recruitment Week**

October 8-9, 2016- Peer Education Conference

November 1- affiliation must be submitted on line; payment received and posted by November 15

November 7-11- Dude, Be Nice Week in Texas

December 1- officer candidates and honorary membership application.

postmarked deadline for submission of STAR and Proficiency Event entries and payment;

SERVICE LEARNING /COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

Each year each region and state delegates select an agency or group to reach out to during the conferences. This year the following groups have been selected:

State – Jonathan's Place- school supplies and toiletries

Region I – Lubbock Dream Center- to provide school supplies

Region II - Ages of Adventure-supplies for the adult center

Region III – Compassion Ministries of Waco-provide blankets

Region IV - Humane Society of Galveston-supplies for animals

Region V – Ronald McDonald House-collect books for guests



WANT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN LOUISIANA

All of you have heard about the devastation that took place from the hard and heavy rains in Louisiana. Many of our FCCLA advisors and members are without homes and schools...40,000 people lost their homes. Let's lend a hand and collect gift cards from Lowes, Home Depot, Target, Walmart or cash cards to send to our friends next door. Send cards to the Texas FCCLA office and we will get them to those in need or check out the google docs: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E-JkINsK3YNUPxZfDIqM_X_x_Tlb6_OL0Sd_enkUsssE/edit?usp=sharing
You can also contact carol.tate@lpsb.org in Louisiana for more information!

Let's give some Texas kindness to our neighbors in need!

DUDE, BE NICE

Texas is partnering with Dude, Be Nice, and has declared November 7-11, Dude Be Nice Week in Texas. Go to <http://www.dudebenice.com/>
To learn more and see inspiring video showing what you can do in your local communities to recognize those that never get what they deserve.

TEXAS PROGRAM EMPHASIS

The state executive officers selected the following programs to focus on during the 2015-16 school year:

- Student Body,
- Families First,
- STOP the Violence,
- Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety,
- Leadership in Action and
- Career Connection

Look for something great at region and state meetings again this year: Check out the **Spotlight on Projects**...application forms are on the website. Bring a display of what outstanding activities your chapter is doing at the local level.

DON'T MISS OUT ON LIFESMARTS!

Another way your students can compete is through the online program Lifesmarts. Register at www.lifesmarts.com and have your students learn about consumer rights and responsibilities, environment, technology, health and safety and financial education. Maybe you will be lucky to have a team advance to state competition in March and get to represent Texas at national competition in April. We want you to give your students every opportunity you can. This is a great program that ties so many of the TEKS for FCS!

CHAPTER AWARDS

Start working now toward getting your chapter recognized for the Outstanding Chapter Award. The application is found on the website and is based on participation in programs and activities available to your members. Get busy and be recognized at the state meeting for your outstanding efforts with FCCLA.

HELP FIND OUR ALUMNI

Help locate alumni members and ask them to join us on facebook and register on the alumni site on the website. We want to know where our former members are and what they are doing!!!

NEED A MENTOR OR WANT TO BE A MENTEE???

Contact Sharon Pierce at spierce@texasfccla.org if you want to have a mentor or be a mentee to a new advisor. We would love you all to participate. Let us hear from you.

TEXAS FCCLA HAS AN APP

Check out and get the Texas FCCLA App from the app store...a great way to keep up with what is going on in our state!

JOIN FCCLA SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Please have all your members and advisors join:

Facebook: Like TexasFCCLA

Hashtag: #txfccla

NEED A FUNDRAISER?

Texas is partnering with Millican Pecans again this year; a portion of the sales from their company go to a scholarship awarded at the state meeting. Check out Millican Pecans...a great fall fundraiser for your chapter.

NISSAN AWARDS TEXAS GRANT FOR THIRD YEAR!

Chapters in the Dallas/Ft Worth area are eligible to receive one of 10 grants for \$2500 to show the wonderful program, Think Fast, to your school as an assembly or community program. Contact Sharon Pierce if you are interested.

NEW TEACHERS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The upcoming 2016 New CTE Teacher Conference that is being sponsored by TEA at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, October 3-5.

Please use the online form at the link below to let me know your travel plans and whether you will be participating in any of the other conference activities, so we can provide the hotel with accurate headcounts, print nametags, and have everyone's current contact information.

[2016 CTE Professional Development Week Participation Reply Form](https://communityoutreach.wufoo.com/forms/z1uyigy20u4lvm2/)

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Please call the FCCLA office if you have any questions about your local FCCLA chapter. We look forward to hearing from you!