



**TEXAS**  
STATE ASSOCIATION

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# FCCLA Update



**FCCLA: CONNECT AND COMMIT**

## MEMBERSHIP INCREASE IN TEXAS

WAY TO GO TEXAS! As of December 1, Texas has **21,165** members in the affiliation system. **# 20KforTexas FCCLA!** We are so excited for the Lone Star State....remember; members are accepted all year so if you get more students that want to participate, you can still add them to your chapter membership. The state officers now have set a new goal:

**22,000.....#imfeeling22K**

## Become a TEXAS RED Partner

The Texas FCCLA Board of Directors wants you to be a contributor to the **new Texas Red Scholarship** for Texas FCCLA. We are asking all chapters, individuals and businesses to support the new Scholarship Fund by donating to Texas FCCLA. This minimal donation will be used for scholarships for active members and will be awarded at the 2016 State Leadership conference. All Texas Red donors will be recognized at the 2016 State Meeting, on our website and on signage. Donations can be made on the Texas FCCLA website

## 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.

## NBA GAMES TO RECOGNIZE FCCLA AND PROVIDE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Go to the website at [www.texasfccla.org](http://www.texasfccla.org) and find information about the Career Days scheduled with the NBA teams. A great opportunity for your chapters to meet key employees of the franchises and learn about careers then enjoy a game. The association was recognized by the San Antonio Spurs and have that same opportunity with the Dallas Mavericks on March 1, 2016.

## SAY YES TO FCS

DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE Family and Consumer Sciences Education....look for monthly social media activities AND participate. Take advantage of social media marketing!!! It works.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 15- affiliation payment received and posted by November 15 in order to participate in STAR/Proficiency Events

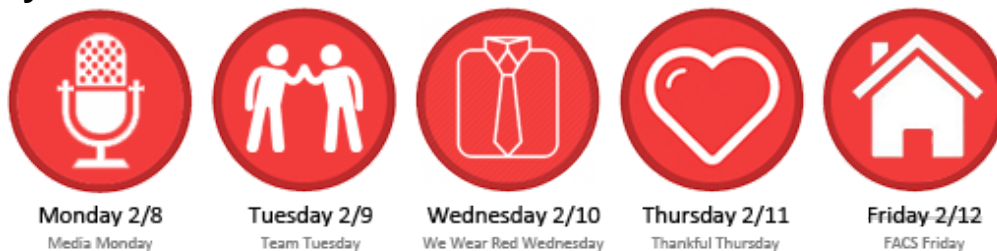
December 1 deadline for submission of STAR and Proficiency Event entries; officer candidates and honorary membership application

December 15- deadline for payment of STAR and Proficiency Event entries to be posted

Check deadline calendar for deadline on each region meeting:

<http://www.texasfccla.org/deadline-calendar.html>

## February 8-12-FCCLA Week



Help raise the recognition of FCCLA Week with a proclamation from your state or local government using this [proclamation sample](#) to help you get started. Once you have obtained a proclamation from your state or local government, please be sure to email a copy of the signed proclamation to [communications@fcclainc.org](mailto:communications@fcclainc.org)

and include your chapter's information in the email so that we can share all of the proclamations. You can also post it on social media with **#FCCLAWEEK!**

## FUN COMPETITION TO TRY....

### Get Cooking with the Great School Lunch Contest!

Calling all teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences for grades 4 through 12: Did you know 2016 is the International Year of Pulses? Not sure what pulse crops are? [Click here](#).

Enter this fun recipe contest with a small team of students to celebrate the International Year of Pulses by coming up with a great school lunch idea featuring pulse crops.

#### Did someone say prizes?

- The top three teams from each grade group will receive cash prizes for their school
- The top three finalist teams in grades 9-12 get to participate in the Powered by Pulses Culinary Competition and special Culinary Institute of America culinary workshop in San Antonio, Texas, July 2016

The contest launched December 7, 2015 and continues through March 7, 2016 - so your team will have plenty of time to come up with holiday-flavored recipes or something new to kick off 2016. Start cooking: [enter today!](#)

## JOIN FCCLA SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Please have all your members and advisors join:

*Facebook: Like Texas FCCLA*

*Instagram: Texas FCCLA*

*Twitter: Texas FCCLA*



## A MESSAGE FROM AMERICAN CLEANING INSTITUTE

Holidays are meant for sharing time with family, presents and memories but **not** germs! You know regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove germs, keep you from getting sick, and prevents the spread of germs to others. Washing your hands is so easy and it can keep everyone healthy and enjoying the holidays!

You can help the American Cleaning Institute raise awareness about handwashing during the holiday season by sharing our [Clean Your Paws for Santa Claus](#) coloring sheet. [Reply to this message](#) with your shipping address and number of coloring sheets you need and we will mail them to you. You can also [download](#) this flyer to share and color. Scan and send your finished coloring sheet to [education@cleaninginstitute.org](mailto:education@cleaninginstitute.org) so that we can add it to our [art gallery](#)!

Here's another reason for washing your hands - you can earn \$5,000 for your school. It's simple to apply for the Healthy Schools, Healthy People, It's a SNAP National Awards program. Start by encouraging your students to create a handwashing project at your school. All the rules are online at [www.itsasnapp.org](http://www.itsasnapp.org). Check out the [Photos](#) and [Videos](#) pages for project ideas.

Until the next time, stay safe, stay clean and always make each day all about better living!

## IT'S COMING IN 2016 and in 2018---

The National Board of Directors voted to eliminate all khaki wear from the national conference dress code starting with the **2016 National Leadership Conference (NLC)** and to require black dress shoes as the shoe attire for the NATIONAL conference dress code.

The Board of Directors decided to implement a new national conference dress code for all youth members that will be implemented starting with **NLC 2018** as follows:

- White collared dress shirt
- Neckwear from official emblematic supplier
- Black bottoms (slacks, skirt, sheath dress)
- Black dress shoes
- Red jacket from official emblematic supplier

**The Texas Board of Directors will be reviewing the policy at their February meeting to determine if and when Texas will follow these changes.**

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

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EACH OF YOU!**

