

10 Reasons to Join FCCLA

United in the iconic red blazer, FCCLA members from across the nation know that being involved in The Ultimate Leadership Experience offers a lifetime of friendships, career preparation, and unique travel experiences.

For nearly 75 years, FCCLA has been turning today's students into tomorrow's leaders within their families, careers, and communities. With over 10 million alumni and 175,000 current members, every FCCLA story is different, but all would agree on these 10 reasons to join FCCLA.

- 1. Build personal leadership skills.** Leadership skills are essential to every facet of life. Developing leadership skills early sets you up for a lifetime of success.
- 2. Learn real world skills to be prepared to successfully "adult."** Knowing real world skills makes the successful transition from classroom to college or a career a breeze.
- 3. Explore the four Career Pathways through Family and Consumer Sciences.** It's okay to be unsure of what you want to be when you grow up or not to know your "dream job." No matter what you want to go into, by exploring FCCLA's Career Pathways, you'll uncover your strengths and interests, as well as learn about potential careers that best align to your talents and appeal to you.
- 4. Opportunity to compete on a local, state, and/or national level for recognition.** Choose a Competitive Event that interests you and put your passion, skills, and knowledge to the test. These projects challenge members to practice and prepare as they go for the gold while practicing leadership and cooperation on teams and among peers.
- 5. Scholarships.** FCCLA wants to see you succeed and is here to support you every step of the way. Apply for FCCLA's merit-based scholarships to help defray your college education costs.
- 6. Network and make new friends from around the country.** FCCLA offers numerous conferences, events, and meetings where members, advisers, and supporters gather from across the nation. Whether you're connecting with new members or reuniting with old friends, the relationships developed through FCCLA will last a lifetime.
- 7. Find your voice.** Speak up and speak out. Pursue your passion and boost your self-confidence as you engage with fellow youth leaders, advisers, supporters, and legislators about skills and experiences gained through FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences education.
- 8. Strengthen family relationships.** Family is the central part of FCCLA. This focus is evident in everything FCCLA does—specifically FCCLA's work in creating a welcoming and accepting environment by providing students with support and opportunities to allow them to be their true self at school and home.
- 9. Participate in service opportunities to give back to your community.** Youth can make a difference and will change the world. FCCLA provides the tools and resources necessary for members to address community concerns and make a positive impact.
- 10. Travel.** Explore the country and expand your horizons. Experience new destinations which will allow you to grow both personally and professionally.

What are you waiting for? Join FCCLA today and start writing your own FCCLA story!