

SECTION III. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

A. FALL/SPRING MAILINGS AND RESOURCES FROM NATIONAL FCCLA

Chapters will receive the following mailings or can access resources from the National FCCLA website: www.fcclainc.org.

- 2023-2024 FCCLA National Membership Kit located in the national FCCLA Advisor Portal in the Resources Tab
- Membership Handbook located in the portal under the Resources Tab
- *New Adviser Handbook* located in the portal under the Advisers Tab
- *Fast Facts* Newsletter, *The Adviser* (To continue receiving these publications, chapters must affiliate before November 1, 2023)
- 2023 National Fall Conference information can be located at this link: <http://fcclainc.org/meetings/national-cluster-meetings-ncm.php>

For further information about these mailings and/or to request assistance, call the FCCLA National Office at 703-476-4900.

B. NATIONAL FCCLA PROGRAMS

1. **Chapter Recognition** - California chapters can also be recognized at the national level. The 2023-2024 Membership Kit mailed to chapters in May contains information about all the recognition opportunities. Review the information carefully to qualify for this recognition.
2. **Advisor Recognition Program** - The National Advisor Recognition Program recognizes advisors with four awards:
 - a. **Master Advisor** - Recognizes advisors who have been successful in advising an affiliated chapter for a minimum of three years, promoting the organization, operating an integrated chapter with a balanced program of work, facilitating youth-centered activities, and keeping abreast of new happenings within the organization.
 - b. **Advisor Mentor** - Recognizes advisors who have been successful in achieving Master Advisor Recognition, devoting two years to new advisor assistance, assuming adult leadership roles in FCCLA, conducting advisor workshops, attending training workshops, and using national and state FCCLA resources.
 - c. **Spirit of Advising Award** - Recognizes chapter advisors who are constantly faithful, often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of their students. Nominations must be made by the State Advisor. Deadline is March 1, 2024.

- d. Years of Service Award - Recognizes chapter advisors for their service. This award is given to chapter advisors in five-year increments of 5–50 years of service. Years of Service Awards are based on the information provided by the chapter advisor on the chapter affiliation form received by National Headquarters. These are distributed to Advisors at the annual FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

Applications for these awards may be downloaded online from the national FCCLA website link: <http://fcclainc.org/advisers/adult-awards.php>. The completed application must be submitted by **March 1, 2024**, to:

Attention: Melissa Webb, FCCLA State Advisor
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 4202
Sacramento, CA 95814

3. National Programs

Chapter Recognition Programs

Eight National programs promote and support Community Involvement. Chapters can identify a need and develop an innovative project in one of eight areas between March 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024.

All applications are due to National headquarters postmarked by March 2, 2024. Chapters may receive recognition and win a cash reward of \$500–\$1,000. Flyers with specific details about each of the programs, including the application and available resources, can be downloaded at this link: <https://fcclainc.org/engage/national-programs> and clicking on the desired program. The eight (8) programs are:

- **Career Connection**
- **Community Service**
- **FACTS (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety)**
- **Families First**
- **Financial Fitness**
- **Power of One**
- **STAND UP**
- **Student Body**

Chapter Member Recognition Programs:

Two additional programs provide opportunities for students to obtain individual recognition.

- **Japanese Exchange** is a scholarship opportunity for FCCLA members to travel to Japan for four to six weeks as an exchange student. This scholarship is funded by the Kikkoman Corporation and administered by Youth for Understanding USA. Scholarships are worth more than \$11,000 each. For complete information and an application, please visit <http://fcclainc.org/programs/japanese-exchange.php>.
- **STAR Events (Students Taking Action With Recognition)** recognizes members in competitive events. Only members who are affiliated and qualified at State competitions are eligible for the events. Registration fees must be sent to national headquarters by May 15, 2024.

C. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – June 29–July 3, 2024

1. Site and Estimated Costs: The annual National Leadership Conference will take place in Seattle, Washington. The estimated cost for participation is approximately \$1,500 including hotel, special activities, and registration fees. More information will be provided to chapters on the national website link: <https://fcclainc.org/attend/national-leadership-conference>.

2. National Leadership Conference Attendance Policies: Due to increased liability, the following attendance policies will be in effect for members/advisors.

- a. Members must be accompanied by an advisor/chaperone from the school district;
- b. Advisors may only chaperone students from the school district in which they are employed;
- c. Members and advisors must attend the National Leadership Conference Information Session held at the end of the State Leadership Conference to receive important updates and to sign up national competitors and state delegate participants;
- d. Advisors may not be part of the California Delegation if they are not accompanying students from the school district in which they are employed, getting an award, or serving in a role;
- e. If a member or advisor becomes unable to attend the National Leadership Conference after paying the registration fees, they should contact the FCCLA State Advisor immediately;
- f. Alumni who have graduated from high school must be accompanied by an advisor if they wish to travel with the California delegation and participate in all national conference sessions; and
- g. All California advisors and members must complete and submit the California Delegates Code of Conduct before registering for the National Leadership Conference in the advisor portal.