



**CALIFORNIA**  
STATE ASSOCIATION

**Students Taking Action  
with Recognition  
(STAR)  
General Rules and  
Guidelines**

**California FCCLA  
2023–2024**

## PREFACE

The California FCCLA Competitive Recognition Events (CRE) program was established in 1975 to provide unique opportunities for students to develop leadership and career development skills through the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Education curriculum. In 2015, the CRE Task Force members decided to align a majority of events to the national FCCLA Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events. In 2019, the Task Force decided to no longer use CRE but instead STAR to reference the competitive event program. FCCLA members who participate in the STAR career development program are able to further develop their skills, talents, and interests: achieve a sense of accomplishment; and receive recognition for their achievements, competence, and performance. It is believed that the FCCLA members who participate in STAR will benefit personally and academically from their involvement. In addition, through their involvement, student members will develop their confidence and personal skills as they prepare for their future and careers.

STAR events are designed to be intra-curricular learning experiences that enhance and enable students to develop positive self-concepts as well as sportsmanship, citizenship, and career skills. All events were developed to reflect the FCS industry-based standards and curriculum. These events should be utilized in the curriculum as an integral part of classroom instruction with an emphasis upon the reinforcement, application, and assessment of academic and FCS skills and knowledge. Further, these events enable FCS instructors to enrich and extend learning beyond the classroom environment. As members exhibit interest and develop skills in the event areas related to instruction, they should be encouraged to participate in the STAR program.

Today's STAR program includes twenty-seven (27) different events that reflect a dynamic, rigorous, and relevant FCS program content. California members can participate in team and individual events in three levels: Level 1, grades 6–8; Level 2, grades 9–10; Level 3, grades 11–12; and occupational, as applicable. In addition, members can compete at three different levels, including region, state, and national. Through the support of numerous individuals, companies, organizations, and corporations, awards, including cash prizes, trophies, scholarships, and merchandise are provided to top competitors.

Special appreciation and recognition are extended to FCS instructors and FCCLA advisors who provide the opportunity for their students to develop skills for success in their personal lives and careers. With their support, the STAR program will continue to be an important component of the FCCLA leadership and career development program while serving as an exciting public relations tool. For more information about the California STAR program, contact:

California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Suite 4202, Sacramento, CA 95814

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The California STAR Events Guide and General Rules and Guidelines was revised in 2023 and updated based upon suggestions and comments received from California FCCLA members and advisors, as well as business and industry representatives who have served as Evaluators for STAR Regional Qualifying and State Finals. In addition, industry experts were consulted about current practices and graciously provided information to improve the STAR career development activities. Special thanks are extended to all who assisted in the revisions of this guide.

From 2015–2023 a group of dedicated FCS teachers/FCCLA advisors have reviewed and helped rewrite the guide. Appreciation is extended to the following who assisted in the revision process:

Region 2: Priscilla Burns, Sue Jones, Susan Sullins, Celeste Miller, and Sandy Smith

Region 4: Brent Boultinghouse, Sandi Coulter, Dianne Goldman, Linda Davis, and Katie Cox

Region 5: Jarrell Fedalizo, Mindy Trisko, and Maureen McCabe

Region 6: Lori Konschak, Amy Lee, Liz Aschenbrenner, Valerie Flores, Amanda Smith, and Savannah Wegner

Region 7: Lisa Washmuth and Jennifer Montanez

Region 8: Michelle Baker, Delta Duran, Tamara Tomaschow, Alyssa Fite, and Marianne Rock

Region 9: Lori Chavez, Aileen Tanimoto, Stacey Izabal, and Christina Martin

Region 10: Linda Rosensteel, Jenifer Poulsen, Jennifer Beier, Myeasha Pruitt, and Steven VandeSteege

~~~~~  
**Family and Consumer Sciences Education Staff**

Pat Peck, FCCLA State STAR Chairperson  
Melissa Webb, FCCLA State Advisor

# **STAR RECOGNITION EVENTS**

## **GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

California FCCLA is pleased to provide a comprehensive Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Guide for use by state staff, chapter advisors, and members. For purposes of this guide, California STAR (C-STAR) and STAR will be used to reference all competitive events. C-STAR and STAR recognizes members for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, team events, leadership skills, and career preparation. STAR and STAR offer individual skill development and application of learning through cooperative, individualized, and competitive activities.

Competitive events provide opportunities for members to showcase college and career readiness, knowledge, skills and abilities; promote the FCCLA chapter as an integral part of the Family Consumer Sciences (FCS) education program; and connect with careers, the community, and their peers.

### **EVENT RULE CHANGES**

The STAR Guide will be reviewed annually or as needed, by the State STAR Taskforce Committee which will consist of the FCCLA State Advisor, State STAR Coordinator, and current region STAR Chairpersons.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EVENTS**

The STAR Taskforce will consider one proposal per academic year. A trial event may be reviewed annually for two years and then become an official state offering. Any stakeholder may introduce a trial event. Proposals must be submitted to the State STAR Coordinator four weeks prior to the State Leadership Conference each year. A trial event proposal must be written in the national FCCLA Star Event format. Proposals submitted to the State STAR Coordinator will be disseminated to advisors at the annual State Leadership Conference for discussion and voting. Information will be gathered regarding the proposal and the State STAR Taskforce will make the final approval for the trial event by majority vote.

### **REQUEST FOR CHANGES**

Any request to open a California event for changes must be submitted to the State STAR Coordinator, in both electronic and typed hardcopy format, and received no later than two weeks following the annual State Leadership Conference. By majority vote of the STAR Taskforce Committee, a portion or portions of the STAR Guide may be opened for consideration and changed. Changes will be announced immediately upon a final decision being made by the committee.

### **ELIMINATION OF EVENTS**

In the case that an event has less than five competitors in all divisions combined in the state finals competition for three consecutive years, the State STAR Taskforce Committee has the authority to eliminate the event for the next academic year, modify

the event specific rules, or place the event on one-year probation before elimination. However, the committee believes all FCS pathway programs must have an event related to the subject matter.

Typographical errors, misspellings and/or omissions can be changed or corrected on a yearly basis. Any changes should be submitted to the State STAR Coordinator. A memo will be sent out to notify advisors of corrections made to the STAR Guide.

## **C-STAR and STAR EVENTS**

### **GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES**

The following rules and guidelines will be enforced at qualifying and state levels of the STAR and STAR Program:

#### **A. Eligibility:**

1. Only continuously affiliated chapters which submit initial dues by November 1 are eligible to participate in Competitive Recognition Events. New or reinstated chapters must submit initial dues by January 16 in order to participate in C-STAR and STAR Events.
2. To be eligible for participation in C-STAR and STAR Events, continuously affiliated chapters must submit electronic entry forms and fees for chapter, team, and individual events entered and postmarked by January 16. A late fee will apply to those chapters who do not meet the established deadline date. New or reinstated chapters must submit electronic entries by January 16. No entries will be accepted after January 16.
3. Chapters may substitute STAR participants for any event in either division if the names of the substitutes are received in the California FCCLA Financial Services Office (FSO) by January 16, the date published on the California FCCLA's Due Dates/Deadline form. Entries must be submitted along with a \$15.00 substitution fee per entry.
4. Members who are added to an affiliated chapter after October 15 and before January 16, may compete in STAR if they are eligible for the event and if their electronic entry and fees, along with the chapter's updated affiliation are received in the California FCCLA FSO by the date published.
5. Affiliated chapters may participate in three (3) levels:
  - a. Level 1: Members in grades 6–8 may participate in this level in all events sponsored by CA FCCLA.
  - b. Level 2: Members in grades 9–10 may participate in this level in all events sponsored by CA FCCLA.
  - c. Level 3: Members in grades 11–12 may participate in this level in all events sponsored by CA FCCLA.

**NOTE:** Team Events: If team members are in different levels, the team shall participate in the higher level of the event.

6. Members may enter only one STAR event in region competition and one event in state competition in either the individual or team classifications for the current school year.
7. A participant may represent only one chapter in STAR events in a given year.
8. Each participant's local chapter advisor, school administrator, and parent/guardian must authorize his/her participation in STAR events.
9. Participants must first participate in qualifying STAR events in order to be eligible to compete at subsequent levels of competition.

**EXCEPTION:** Baking and Pastry and Parliamentary Procedure Events

10. Competitors with a qualifying score of 60 or better in each division of qualifying competition shall be eligible to compete in the State Finals. **In the event that a qualifying state competitor cannot compete at state finals, they must notify the State Office within two weeks after their region STAR event.**
11. State Finals participants and advisors will receive a special mailing with the State Finals schedule and specific instructions on how to prepare for State Finals at least two (2) weeks prior to State Finals.
12. Infractions of rules or policies for conduct may be sufficient cause to suspend an individual or an entire chapter from participation in STAR Competition. Such instances will be reviewed by a STAR policy committee, which will make the final decision regarding an individual's or chapter's status. At the qualifying level, the committee shall consist of the Region STAR Chairperson, Region Coordinator, State Advisor, or designee. At the state level, the committee shall consist of the STAR Chairperson, the State STAR Chairperson, and the FCCLA State Advisor.

**EXCEPTION:** No committee member shall be the advisor to the participant(s) in question.

#### **B. Entry Process:**

1. An electronic entry system is available on the CA FCCLA Web site for chapters; it will open for chapter advisors to submit entries on or before November 15.
2. Only affiliated individuals or team members listed on the chapter's electronic entry list within the Web Entry System (WES) will be allowed to compete.
3. Chapters may exercise the option of having an alternate team member in team events only. Only the alternate member listed within the WES may be utilized at any level of competition. Once an alternate team member participates, the team has the option to have the original competitor return to compete at subsequent levels of competition.

4. Chapters can pay via PayPal or check made payable to CA FCCLA for all entries. If corrections are not made by January 16, chapters risk not being able to participate in STAR.

**NOTE:** Additional STAR participants may be substituted on the WES, for any event, if the names are received in electronic format by the date published.

**NOTE:** Members who are added to an affiliated chapter after November 1 and before January 16, may compete in STAR if they are eligible for the event and if their electronic entry and fees, along with the chapter's updated application form and membership roster are received in the Financial Services Office (FSO).

5. Only the participant(s)/chapter whose name appears on the STAR Chairperson's "Participant Data Sheet" may compete.
6. Any member who placed first in an individual or team event at the state level the previous year shall not be eligible to participate in that same event and division the following year.

**EXCEPTION:** Parliamentary Procedure Event state winners.

**EXCEPTION:** Participants who placed first at state in Culinary Display may compete in a different category the next year.

7. If, because of a disability, impairment, language deficiency, or religious requirement, a participant would not be able to comply with any general or specific rule during competition, the participant must request a waiver from the FCCLA State Office. The request for waiver must be in writing and postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to qualifying and/or state competition. If the competitor requests accommodations for the region meeting and needs the accommodation at the SLC, a second request must be made by the published deadline.

**NOTE:** If an emergency occurs which would require a waiver after the thirty (30) day deadline, the advisor to the said participant must notify either the State Advisor or the State STAR Coordinator prior to competition.

### **C. Rescheduling STAR Days:**

1. STAR Events may be canceled, rescheduled or delayed only by the State Advisor and STAR Chairperson. The only valid reason for the cancellation of a STAR day is a Disaster considered to be an act of God which would affect at least fifty percent of the participants at any level of competition. Examples of valid reasons would be tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, fire, snow, fog and major damage on main highways.
2. The FCCLA State Advisor and State STAR Chairperson may establish alternate days for regional competitions.

3. The FCCLA State Advisor and State STAR Chairperson may establish alternate days for state competition.

**D. Selection of Room Consultants and Evaluators:**

1. Advisors of participants in a given event may serve as the Room Consultant for that Event if it is deemed necessary by either the qualifying Region STAR Chairperson or the State STAR Chairperson.
2. Individuals with expertise in each event will be selected as Evaluators.
  - a. Parents or legal guardians of participants will not be allowed to evaluate an event in which their son or daughter is participating.
  - b. Advisors will not be allowed to serve as Evaluators in events in which their students are competing.

**E. Protocol:**

Questions and/or comments regarding compliance with any of the STAR general rules or event rules should be brought to the attention of STAR Chairperson(s) at the time of the event.

**F. STAR Awards Session:**

The following procedure will be followed for the STAR Awards Program:

1. Immediately preceding the Awards Ceremony, participants/chapter representatives are expected to attend STAR Check-In and Rehearsal. Each event Room Consultant will meet with their participants; roll will be taken, official dress policies as specified at each level will be checked, and directions will be given regarding the Awards Ceremony. Penalty points will be deducted if the participant/chapter representative is late to or does not attend the entire STAR Check-In and Rehearsal.
2. Following the completion of STAR Check-In and Rehearsal at each level, an Awards Ceremony will be held. The Awards Ceremony will be directed and conducted by the State or Region STAR Chairperson and directions in the STAR Binder will be followed.
3. All participants and winners, except those who have been disqualified, will be recognized and honored. It is required that all participants be present to receive their awards and/or certificates. Only participants wearing official FCCLA dress as specified at each level will be allowed on stage to receive their awards.

**EXCEPTION:** Participants in Baking and Pastry, Culinary Arts, Culinary Display, and Salad Preparation will be allowed to wear Chef Attire during the STAR Awards Session.

4. Participants will receive evaluator comments from their chapter advisor following the closing general session.



## G. Guidelines for Participants:

1. Participants should read and be familiar with the following sections of the STAR Guide:
  - a. "General Rules and Guidelines"
  - b. STAR Event
  - c. STAR Questions and Answers as applicable
  - d. National FCCLA Competitive Events Guide
2. Participants must meet qualifications and adhere to the "General Rules and Guidelines" as well as the specific rules set forth in each event.
3. Any entry may be improved at each level, but the concept or the topic may not be changed. The comments from the evaluators may be considered to improve the event at each level.
4. The materials for each entry must be original or new each year.
5. Participants **shall not use** live animals in any part of the presentation.
6. STAR participants will adhere to the policies for conduct and dress as outlined in these general rules and guidelines or as specified in each event. The enforcement of policies for conduct and dress shall begin at orientation, continue through competition, as appropriate, and conclude with the closing ceremony. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in penalty points or disqualification.
7. A member who has submitted an entry for participation and who cannot compete on the day of STAR **must notify the Region and State STAR Chairperson in advance.**
8. Any member who placed first in an individual or team event at the state level the previous year shall not be eligible to participate in that same event and division the following year.

**EXCEPTION:** Parliamentary Procedure Event state winners.

**EXCEPTION:** Participants who placed first at state in Culinary Display may compete in a different category the next year.

9. Guidelines for participants of Region and State Officers and candidates in STAR Events are provided below:
  - a. It is highly **recommended** that State officers **shall not** be allowed to participate in STAR during their term of office.
  - b. It is highly **recommended** that Region Officers not participate in STAR during their term of office in order to fulfill the officer responsibilities and to avoid scheduling conflicts.

- c. It is highly recommended that members considering running for state and region office for the coming year not participate in STAR so they will be able to give their full effort in preparing for the office interview and campaigning process. In the event an officer candidate decides to run for office, they are responsible for notifying the appropriate individual to determine time for officer candidate responsibilities and for competing in the events. Prior to the beginning of the scheduled activities, the officer candidate/competitor is responsible for seeking instructions and clarification from either the region or state advisor and the region or state STAR chairperson, depending on level of candidacy and competition.
10. If, because of a disability, impairment, language deficiency or religious requirement, a participant would not be able to comply with any general or specific rule during competition, the participant must request a waiver from the FCCLA State Office. The request for waiver must be in writing and postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to qualifying and/or state competition. Competitors who are given the waiver at the region level of competition and still need accommodation at the SLC, should submit a second request for the SLC competition.
- NOTE:** If an emergency occurs which would require a waiver after the thirty (30) Day deadline, the advisor to the said participant must notify either the State Advisor or State STAR chairperson prior to competition.
11. Participants who are not present at the beginning of orientation will be disqualified.
12. Participants may not leave the orientation to get materials, nor will anyone be allowed to bring materials to the participant once the orientation has begun.
13. Only participants, Room Consultants, and other required event personnel, as appropriate to the event, are allowed in the room once the event has begun. During competition, cell phones and taking photos are not permitted. The following events do not allow observers: Baking and Pastry, Culinary Arts, Culinary Display, Job Interview, and Menu Planning and Table Display
14. In events where participants must be present for evaluation, participants who are not present or are not ready to begin their presentation at the appointed time will be automatically disqualified.
15. Points awarded by the evaluators and by the room consultant are final.
16. Participants will be disqualified if general and specific event rules are not followed.
17. Participants will be disqualified and not allowed to compete when any of the following occur. Disqualification will result when the participant(s) or chapter:
- Does not submit a completed "STAR Student Permission Form" and photo ID. **NOTE:** Digital ID is allowed

- b. Does not adhere to the STAR dress code policy (i.e. wears jeans). Students must wear at least 3 parts of the official dress which include: a white collared front button-down dress shirt with sleeves, black slacks/skirt, black dress shoes, and appropriate accessories, (where applicable, chef attire is allowed)
- c. Name is not listed on the STAR Room Consultants "Participant Data Sheet."
- d. Does not report to orientation at the scheduled time.
- e. Does not attend the entire orientation.
- f. Does not bring all supplies/materials/equipment, as specified for the event, to the beginning of orientation.
- g. Is not ready to begin preparation or presentation the participant's name is called.

**NOTE:** To prevent disqualification, STAR participants should be either in the presentation room or directly outside the door).

- h. Presents the same presentation as in a previous year.
  - i. Uses live animals or fire as part of the presentation.
  - j. Does not attend the STAR Check-In and Rehearsal and/or Awards Ceremony.
  - k. Uses a substitute to accept his or her award.
- 18. In the event of a disqualification, participants and/or chapters shall be notified immediately or as applicable during orientation and/or prior to the beginning of the awards program. Participants who are disqualified shall not receive either a certificate or award.
- 19. Participants must attend the STAR Check-In and Rehearsal. The STAR Check-In and Rehearsal will be held just prior to the Awards Ceremony. The time and location of this activity will be announced at the beginning of the STAR Day and/or will be listed in the STAR Day agenda. Participants will be disqualified if they are not present at the beginning of STAR Check-In and Rehearsal.
- 20. All eligible STAR competitors must attend the Awards Ceremony. Any participant not accepting his/her award or any participant using a substitute to accept his/her award will be disqualified.
- 21. All participants will receive the appropriate award during the Awards Ceremony at each level of competition unless they have been disqualified.
- 22. Following the closing general session, the advisors will receive copies of the evaluator's comment sheets to distribute to their participants.

23. If a participant is observed performing an unsafe act that could result in bodily harm, the participant will be directed to stop that action.

**I. Official Dress for STAR Program:**

**PURPOSE AND HISTORY**

The purpose of wearing official dress for STAR Competition is to project a professional image and assist students in increasing their understanding of professional-type dress as based on professional standards in the business world. Official dress provides a means to focus on a student’s performance and not on the participant’s clothing.

Official dress for CA-FCCLA remained basically unchanged through the 1970s. Students and advisors developed the current guidelines. These guidelines were established to make it possible to check official dress in an objective, rather than subjective, manner.

Penalties for STAR competitors who were not wearing official dress have ranged from a ten (10) point deduction in 1974 to disqualification in 1986. The current dress policy reflects a compromise developed with input from students and advisors. This policy is intended to reduce the disqualification of participants and still encourage students to wear professional attire.

**WHEN TO WEAR OFFICIAL DRESS**

For STAR Events, official dress must be worn starting at orientation and continuing to the end of the Awards Ceremony. This includes the STAR Check-In and Rehearsal and Awards Ceremony. For exceptions, refer to the Child Development Event, Specific Rule 10, the Culinary Arts Event Specifications, and the Culinary Display Event, Specific Rule 9.

**EVALUATING OFFICIAL DRESS**

The dress check is conducted by the STAR Chairperson and STAR Room Consultant during the participant orientation at the qualifying level and state level of competition. To provide consistent interpretation of official dress, a “STAR Official Dress Policy” is used.

**OFFICIAL STAR DRESS CHECKLIST**



- State Leadership Conference Paraphernalia (State Only)
  - Official red blazer (Required for State only, but always encourage)
  - Official FCCLA patch on left blazer pocket (No FHA-HERO patches)
  - Official FCCLA striped tie/ascot or black tie
- Top: White collared front button-down dress shirt with sleeves, must be tucked in
- Bottom Options:
  - Black Skirt: must wear black closed toe pumps or flats  
Skirt Slit: no more than 4" long
  - Black Dress Slacks: must wear black dress shoes with black socks (no anklets) or knee length nylons



- Accessories: functional belts or jewelry, and/or official FCCLA striped tie/ascot or black tie (optional)
  - No visible body piercing other than ears
  - Not more than 1 earring per ear



**FCCLA OFFICIAL CASUAL ONLY**

**(Not allowed for competition)**

- Black pants, black skirt, black long shorts, or black capris (black leggings or jeans are not allowed)
- Red, Black, or White FCCLA Polo Shirt or Plain Polo Shirt
- FCCLA State Approved T-shirt



**Implications of not following the guidelines for official dress**

Failure to wear any part of official dress at any time during STAR Competition will result in points not being added to the Room Consultant's check sheet and Evaluator's rubric for the appearance category. A maximum of 3 points may be added for adhering to the STAR Official Dress Policy.

The following procedures are in effect for participants who are not in official dress for any aspect of STAR Orientation (except as specifically noted in some events); STAR Competition (except as specifically noted in some events); STAR Check-In and Rehearsal, and Award Ceremony):

1. Points will not be added as appropriate for infractions related to non-compliance with the official dress guidelines as listed on the "Official STAR Dress Policy Form" and as outlined below in the section titled "Components of Official Dress." This applies at every level of the STAR program, including competition and the awards program.
2. Final rankings will be changed, if applicable.
3. Awards will be redistributed, if necessary. At the State Finals only, STAR participants who are not in official dress with the CA-FCCLA blazer will not be allowed to go on stage to receive their awards. In such instances, the awards for these participants will be distributed after the Closing Ceremony.

**OFFICIAL STAR DRESS CHECK FORM**      **(Max. 3 Points)**

- Top: (+1 Point) \* (Blazer required for State only)
  - White collared front button-down dress shirt with sleeves and must be tucked in
- Bottom Options: (+1 Point) \*
  - Black Skirt: must wear black closed toe pumps or flats  
Skirt length: no more than 2" above the knee  
Skirt Slit: no more than 4" long
  - Black Dress Slacks: must wear black dress shoes with black socks (no anklets) or knee length nylons
- Accessories: (+1 Point)
  - Functional belt and jewelry (optional)

- Black tie or Official FCCLA striped tie/ascot (optional)
- No visible body piercing other than ears
- Not more than 1 earring per ear

\*Required to receive an award on stage.



### **FCCLA OFFICIAL STAR CHEF ATTIRE DRESS CHECK FORM (Max. 3 points)**

Professional Chef Attire worn by whole team **(+1 Point)**

- Chef coat (any color)
- Chef pants (any color) or Black Professional Pants (no leggings)

- Chef hat or hair covering and beard covering
- Socks (any color, no anklets)

Industry Standard Shoes **(+ 1 Point)**

(Kitchen shoes must be closed toe and heel, made with nonslip soles and sealed non-melting uppers.)

Accessories **(+1 Point)**

- No visible jewelry
- Facial jewelry covered with bandage



\*May wear Chef Attire on stage to receive award.

**NOTE:** Points will be added to the Room Consultant Point Summary Form

**NOTE:** Points will be added to the Room Consultant Time Confirmation and Evaluators Rubric titled "Clothing Choice"

### **COMPONENTS OF OFFICIAL DRESS FOR STAR**

#### **Official CA-FCCLA Blazer**

The Official CA-FCCLA blazer is required at the following times during competition:

**NOTE:** The FCCLA emblem patch is required on the left hip pocket of the blazer. patches.

1. State Finals Competition: All competitors are required to wear an official CA FCCLA blazer during all phases of competition at the State Finals unless otherwise indicated in the specific event.
2. State Finals Awards Ceremony: In order to receive recognition on stage, all STAR participants must wear an official CA-FCCLA blazer.
3. Official CA-FCCLA blazers accepted for dress check.

#### **Option 1 Official Dress:**

##### **Blouse:**

- Solid white blouse, with collar of the same fabric, free from decoration other than stitching and having white buttons (including white pearl buttons) down the full front of the garment. Shirt/blouse must be tucked in pants or skirt.

- Collar styles that are acceptable include Peter Pan, Notched, or Tailored (see diagram).



Peter Pan



Notched



Tailored

- Blouse with or without a placket covering the buttons, pockets, button-down collar or top stitching are acceptable, but all elements of the blouse must be white, giving the garment a solid appearance.

#### **Skirt:**

- Skirt in solid black. A tailored skirt is recommended.
- Skirts made out of denim or corduroy material are not considered to be professional dress and therefore are not allowed.
- Skirt may have pockets and top stitching, but all decoration is to be the same color as the skirt, giving the garment a solid appearance.
- Skirt length for official dress must be in the following range: 2" above the knee down to and including mid-calf. Miniskirts and maxi skirts (at or near the ankle) are not allowed.
- Skirt slit must be no more than 4" in length.

#### **Dresses:**

- Dresses that have a solid white bodice and a black skirt with or without a belt that meet the same guidelines as blouses and skirts.

#### **Slacks:**

- Tailored black dress slacks.
- Denim (including any type of jean pant) or corduroy pants are considered to be casual attire and therefore are not allowed.
- Cargo pants, capris, culottes, shorts of any length, and knit leggings are not considered to be dress slacks.

#### **Shoes:**

- Polishable solid color black leather or leather-like shoes. Closed toe and heel pumps or flats.
- Dress shoes may be plain or have details or decorations of the same color and/or metal decorations of gold, silver or bronze.
- Athletic shoes (leather or canvas), lace-up shoes, boots, and plastic or cloth shoes are not allowed. Shoes should not be multi-colored.

#### **Socks:**

- Black socks are acceptable with slacks only.
- If pantyhose are worn, they should be flesh toned

#### **Accessories:**

- Hair accessories, jewelry, and belts that are functional and coordinate with the uniform may be worn.
- Large multi-colored accessories and hats are not allowed.
- Official CA-FCCLA tie (optional at Qualifying Competition, mandatory at State).
- Visible body adornments, such as tattoos, ear gauges, rings and studs attached by piercing body parts are not allowed and should be covered.

- One (1) earring is allowed per ear.

### **Option 2 Official Dress**

#### **Shirt:**

- Solid white dress shirt with a traditional dress shirt collar. Collar may be button-down or non-button-down. Shirt must be tucked in pants.

#### **Necktie:**

- Solid black necktie or FCCLA striped tie is allowed. Long necktie is required at State.

#### **Slacks:**

- Solid black dress slacks.
- Denim (including any type of jean pant) or corduroy pants are considered to be casual attire and therefore are not allowed.

#### **Socks:**

- Solid black dress socks are required.

#### **Shoes:**

- Polishable black dress shoes in leather or leather like material or dress boots. Boots should be of a dress or roper style with round toe and low heel.
- Athletic shoes (leather or canvas), plastic or cloth shoes are not allowed. Shoes should not be multi-colored.

#### **Accessories:**

- Hair accessories that are functional, jewelry and belts that coordinate with the uniform may be worn.
- Large multi-colored accessories and hats are not allowed.
- Visible body adornments, such as tattoos, ear gauges, rings and studs attached by piercing body parts other than ears are not allowed.
- One (1) earring per ear is allowed.

### **J. Guidelines for Conduct:**

As a representative of California FCCLA, members have privileges as well as responsibilities. The following guidelines were developed by the FCCLA State Executive Council so that California can be proud of its representatives and have them reflect a professional image at all official events and activities.

#### **Guidelines for Conduct**

- A) Members should conduct themselves in a manner which is of credit to themselves, their families and schools, as well as California FCCLA. This includes respecting the rights and comfort of others in respect to manners, noise, language, and general conduct.
- B) Members will follow the directions of adult supervisor and chaperones. They will be respectful and courteous in their speech and behavior.



- C) No alcoholic beverages, unprescribed drugs, cigarettes, E cigarettes, spit, smokeless tobacco, vaping or JUULing products in any form shall be in the possession of, or consumed by, members at any time while representing FCCLA or attending FCCLA activities.
- D) Members, their parents, and their chapters will be responsible for damages they incur while attending FCCLA activities or representing the FCCLA organization.
- E) Advisors shall be informed by members of their activities and whereabouts at all times.
- F) When traveling as a representative to the State Leadership Conference and other FCCLA activities, members must be registered at the designated hotel.
- G) Members will abide by the established curfew for each FCCLA activity. This includes being in the assigned hotel room by curfew.
- H) Socializing between members of different genders will be allowed in the designated areas as decided by state staff, chapter advisors, and chaperones.
- I) Instances of misconduct will be reported to advisors, parents/guardians, and proper school authorities.

**NOTE:** In the event that a member does not follow these guidelines, the participation of that member in an FCCLA activity may be terminated. The expenses of telephone calls and return travel will be assumed by the member and their parents/guardians. If a student knowingly breaks the established rules which results in bodily harm to self or others or damage to facilities, the supervising advisors shall not be liable.

## **K. CALIFORNIA FCCLA AWARDS**

Members who participate in the STAR Event Program receive recognition based upon the type of event, category, division in which the event is offered, and level of the competition. The *STAR Guide* provides information about each event, the category, the divisions, and the level (region or state) in which it is offered. Finalists and participants receive recognition as delineated below:

### Region Qualifying Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Award and certificate of participation with finalist seal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Award and certificate of participation with finalist seal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Award and certificate of participation with finalist seal
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: Certificate of participation with finalist seal
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: Certificate of participation with finalist seal
- 6<sup>th</sup> place: Certificate of participation with finalist seal
- 7<sup>th</sup> place: Certificate of participation with finalist seal
- All others: Certificate of participation with Honorable Mention designation

If score is 60 or above, competitors will receive a state finalist seal on the certificate.

#### State Finals Competition

- 1st place: Participation award and certificate of participation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Participation award and certificate of participation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Participation award and certificate of participation
- All others: Participation awards; Honorable Mention designation

#### **Event-Specific Recognition:**

At Region Qualifying Competition, an additional recognition award is provided only for the Culinary Display event. The award “Best of Show” is selected by the evaluators from the first-place winners in each category and each level (see below).

For State Finals Competition, additional awards are provided for first place winners. Second and third place winners may also receive additional recognition at the State level in some events. Recognition includes cash awards, scholarships, merchandise and/or designation such as “Best of Show” (Culinary Display), “Outstanding President” (Parliamentary Procedure), or “Outstanding Secretary” (Parliamentary Procedure).

#### **L. Culinary Display Event: Procedure for Selecting Best of Show**

The Best of Show designation will be determined for the Culinary Display Event.

1. Teams of evaluators will judge each category of the Culinary Display Event.
2. The entry that earns the highest number of points in each category at each level will be the first-place winner.
3. From among the first-place winners in each category at each level, the evaluators will select a “Best of Show”.
4. There will be one overall “Best of Show” awarded at Region Competition
5. There will be one “Best of Show” awarded at each level at the State Competition

#### **Awards Procedure in the Culinary Display Event at Region Competition**

1. Participants will be introduced and called on stage one category at a time.
2. All participants will be recognized and the finalists will be identified. Third, second, and first place winners will be presented with awards
3. After the awards and certificates for each category are presented, all of the participants will be excused, with the exception of the first-place winner in each category who will be asked to remain on stage.
4. The “Best of Show” winner will be announced from among the first-place winners who are standing on stage.