

## SECTION II. STUDENTS TAKING ACTION WITH RECOGNITION (STAR) EVENTS

### A. REVISIONS AND CHANGES

#### CALIFORNIA STAR Guide (C-STAR), 2023

The National STAR *Guide* is currently being updated by a committee of teachers/advisors, industry representatives, and STAR state-level assistants. The *C-STAR Events Guide, 2024*, will be available on September 15, 2024, to chapters on the California FCCLA website. Please refer to Item L in this section of the mailing for changes in specific events. **Please discard all earlier versions of the STAR or C-STAR Guide.**

#### Entry Procedures

The STAR online Web Entry System (WES) will be used for STAR entries for the 2024-2025 school year beginning November 15, 2024. Please refer to the CA-FCCLA website for changes to STAR entry procedures.

### B. ELIGIBILITY

#### 1. Region Qualifying Competition

Only active FCCLA members from chapters in good standing with the association are eligible to participate in STAR. An active member is one whose name is listed on the chapter's current year membership roster on file at the FCCLA Financial Services Office. You may view status here [<https://tinyurl.com/yc4bnsdv>]

- Current chapters must affiliate by **November 1, 2024**, to have eligible competitors.
- New chapters and reinstated chapters (schools that were not affiliated the previous school year) must be affiliated before **the date listed in the** to have eligible competitors.

#### 2. State Finals

Competitors with a minimum qualifying score of 60 in each event at the Region Qualifying Competition will be eligible to compete in STAR State Finals.

### C. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER CHAPTER

The total number of entries allowed per chapter is based on affiliated members.

Number of Members in Chapter	Maximum Number of Individual and Team Entries in STAR
12	6
13–15	9
16–20	12
Over 21	Unlimited

**NOTE:** An “entry” means the following in this context: individual events and team events. Each individual student will be counted as ONE entry. All students may enter only one event; students cannot enter an individual event and also be part of a team.

#### **D. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EVENT**

The following table indicates the number of entries allowed for each FCCLA chapter per competitive event in Level 1 grades 6–8, Level 2 grades 9–10, or Level 3 grades 11–12. The total number of entries, however, cannot exceed the maximum number of entries per FCCLA chapter member quota listed above.

<b>STAR Event</b>	<b>Number of Entries Per Chapter</b>
Team Events	Unlimited Level 1, or Level 2–3 of Team of (1–3) students
Individual Events	Unlimited Level 1 or Level 2–3 Entries

\* Mixed-level teams are allowed but must compete at the highest level of the teams’ members. Some events will still have eligibility requirements requiring specific courses or program enrollment to be verified at the state level.

#### **E. STAR ONLINE ENTRY SUBMISSION, FORMS, AND FEES**

##### **1. Due Dates**

Competitor entries must be inputted on the WES no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time on the posted deadline date as indicated below. Fees must be submitted to the FCCLA Financial Services Office by due dates designated for chapters that are **Current (Ongoing) or New or Reinstated**. Envelopes postmarked later than the specific due date indicated will incur late fees, as addressed in this mailer, and may not be accepted and processed.

**Current, New, and Reinstated Chapters – Online Submission and Postmarked by the date listed in the document**, Chapters are encouraged to process entries early, as this will ensure that your chapter does not incur unnecessary fees. Send completed fees to:

FCCLA Financial Services Office  
P.O. Box 6  
Galt, CA 95632

##### **2. Procedure for Preparing and Submitting Entries**

All entries must be submitted electronically on the online STAR WES. The number of hard copy forms that must be submitted with entry fees is minimal. The following information provides details about the process.

- (a) ALL entries (Individual/Teams) and completion of any required forms will all be completed through the special STAR WES website, which will be available on November 15, 2024. When the website is ready to accept entries, a link to

the entry site will be posted on the FCCLA Advisor Log-In website at [www.ca-fccla.org](http://www.ca-fccla.org). The entry system detailed directions and all forms will be available on the STAR page on the FCCLA website.

(b) For all State Events (Baking and Pastry/Parliamentary Procedure/Chapter In Review Portfolio), competitor names must be entered into WES by March 15 in order to participate in the State Finals Competition.

(c) Complete directions for the submittal of electronic entries, required forms, and submission of fees will be provided on the FCCLA website, and limited directions are available in this mailer.

### 3. Entry Fees for 2024-2025

The fees will be as follows:

- Individual Events: \$30.00
  - Team Events: 1–3 team members - \$30.00 per person on the team
  - Baking and Pastry\* -- \$50.00 per person
  - Culinary Arts\*: -- \$50.00 per person
- \* Fees for this event are attributed to the expenses related to facilities, travel, and logistics related to this particular event.

### 4. Dates by which deficiencies/problems with STAR must be resolved

- a. The last day for active/ongoing/new/reinstated chapters to submit STAR entries is the date on the Form: “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025”, There will absolutely **NOT** be any late entries accepted after this date.
- b. The last day for active/ongoing/new/reinstated chapters to resolve STAR entry deficiencies/problems for substitutes is listed on “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025” on the CA-FCCLA website
- c. Entries submitted that are incomplete, incorrectly prepared, postmarked after published due dates, or do not include sufficient funds to cover entry fees will not be processed until the deficiencies/problems are resolved.

**A \$15.00 late fee will be incurred for each competitor and every incomplete, incorrectly prepared, late postmarked entry or insufficient funds to cover original entry fees.**

- a. To avoid the risk of chapter members not being able to compete, chapter advisors should correct any deficiencies/problems as soon as they are notified by the FCCLA Financial Services Office. It is imperative advisors double-check their entries immediately upon

registration. **The final deadline to correct deficiencies is** “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025” on the CA-FCCLA website

- b. Any STAR entry, including a team or individual entry, that is deficient after the applicable deficiency/ problems correction date will incur a late fee and/or may not be allowed to compete.
- c. Advisors should carefully recheck all entry materials and fees for accuracy before submitting them online and to the FCCLA Financial Services Office to avoid any possible delay in processing.

## F. ALTERNATES

- a. Chapters may exercise the option of having an alternate team member in team events only. A student entered as an alternate cannot be entered as a competitor in any other event. Only the alternate member listed on the entry form may be utilized at any level of competition. No new alternates can be added, nor can substitutions for the alternates be made. Once an alternate team member participates, the team has the option of having the originally registered competitor return or the alternate compete at subsequent levels of competition. Participants may enter or serve as an alternate for only one team in any year. An alternate may only be entered one time. A \$15.00 alternate entry fee applies and is due no later than “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025” on the CA-FCCLA website.

## G. SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS

- All chapters—current (ongoing), new, and reinstated—that affiliate by the established deadline dates may submit substitutes no later than , for Team Events only. A \$15.00 substitution entry fee applies.
- For chapters to submit the names of substitutes, the appropriate substitution entry must be made online in the WES, including the \$15.00 substitute entry fee for each competitor no later than “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025” on the CA-FCCLA website. The substitute may be a member who joined their local chapter after November 2, 2024.
- All electronic entries, forms, and fees must be posted online and/or postmarked no later than “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025” on the CA-FCCLA website
- . No **EXCEPTIONS** will be made to this deadline.

## H. ADDITION OF NEW MEMBER COMPETITORS

If new members join their local chapter any time after November 2, 2024, up to the date listed on “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025” on the CA-FCCLA website, and want to participate in STAR, advisors may submit the appropriate STAR electronic entry and fee(s), which must be preceded by online affiliation of the new members. The electronic submission and entry fees must be submitted/postmarked no later than **the date listed on** “Due Dates for Forms Applications, STAR Events, Deadlines, and Payments 2024-2025” on the CA-FCCLA website.

**NOTE:** Because of the online affiliation system, you will need to allow time between affiliation and STAR entry submission. It may take 24–48 hours for members to show up on your chapter roster in order to be allowed to sign up the member as a STAR competitor. Be sure to calculate this time in submitting your entries.

## **I. COMPETITORS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Participants with physical limitations, language deficiencies, or religious requirements who will need special assistance or would not be able to comply with any general or specific rules during competition must notify the state office, in writing, at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the qualifying region and again prior to the state finals competition. In a letter or email, the STAR participant must indicate the type of assistance that will be needed for competition. Send the letter or email to:

California FCCLA  
Family and Consumer Sciences Education  
California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Suite 4202  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Melissa Webb, FCCLA State Advisor, [mwebb@cde.ca.gov](mailto:mwebb@cde.ca.gov)

**NOTE:** If an emergency occurs that would require a waiver after the three (3) week deadline, the advisor to the said participant must notify the State Advisor prior to competition. Once a decision is made regarding the waiver, the Region or State STAR Chairperson will be notified by the FCCLA State Office. Region Chairpersons are instructed to honor requests for waivers only if they are notified by the FCCLA State Office that the competitor is able to compete.

## **J. DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR COMPETITIONS**

### **1. Region Qualifying Competition**

Qualifying Competitions are conducted in each region. The “Calendar of Statewide Events and Due Dates 2024-2025,” which lists the dates and locations for Region Qualifying Competitions, is available on the FCCLA website: [www.ca-fccla.org](http://www.ca-fccla.org).

### **2. State Finals**

State Finals Orientation and Competition will be held during the State Leadership Conference in Riverside, California. Please refer to the first State Leadership Conference mailing for updated STAR information.

## **K. IDENTIFICATION NEEDED FOR COMPETITION – ACTION REQUIRED**

### **1. Region Qualifying Competition**

All competitors must show a copy of their photo ID to the room consultant to compete. A driver's license will suffice as ID also. This can either be a hard copy of their ID or a digital version of their ID. **If they do not have their photo ID, the student will be disqualified.**

### **2. Permission Slip:**

The local advisor is responsible for checking that all competitors have completed and turned in the permission form for competition. The advisor will sign a document stating that all competitors have turned in the form to the local advisor; if necessary the advisor will be asked to turn the permission form in to state staff.

### **3. State Finals Competition**

All competitors must show a copy of their photo ID to the room consultant to compete. A driver's license will suffice as ID also. This can either be a hard copy of their ID or a digital version of their ID. All competitors must be wearing their State Leadership Conference Competitor ribbon during the event check-in and awards check-in. **If participants do not have all of the required documentation, they will be disqualified.**

## **L. CHANGES IN STAR EVENTS FROM THE 2024-2025 GUIDE**

Consult the online National STAR Event Guide for any changes beginning August 1, 2024. Particular attention should also be made to the C-STAR Guide which may include changes to State Events that the STAR Chairpersons' may have made for 2024-2025.

## **M. OFFICIAL DRESS FOR STAR COMPETITION**

A description of the official dress for STAR is included in the *C-STAR Guide, 2024*.

Please read this information carefully. In order to promote consistency statewide, an official dress check will be conducted at both levels of competition by the Event Room Consultant. The "Official Dress Checklist" that will be used for competition will be available on October 15, 2024, on the FCCLA Website at [www.ca-fccla.org](http://www.ca-fccla.org).

**NOTE:** Competitors must now wear black dress pants or skirts to not receive a deduction in points.

Only competitors in the Baking and Pastry, Culinary Arts, Culinary Display, and Knife Skills events may report to the event check-in wearing their chef attire at both region qualifying and state finals competition. They must be in the following attire that is either required or permitted for the event (see below). This attire will be checked by the specific Event Room Consultant as required in the specific rules for the event.

Competitors in these events will wear chef attire for the awards and recognition program at qualifying competition ONLY. At the state finals competition, these competitors will wear “Official Dress” or “Professional Chef Attire” for the awards and recognition program.

<b>STAR Event</b>	<b>Event Attire</b>
Baking and Pastry	Chef’s coat; chef pants; chef’s hat or hair covering; beard covering, closed-toe leather or leather-like shoes (Industry-standard non-slip soles are required for the State Leadership Conference to be allowed to compete.)
Culinary Arts	Chef’s coat; chef pants; chef’s hat or hair covering; beard covering, closed-toe leather or leather-like shoes (Industry-standard non-slip soles are required for the State Leadership Conference to be allowed to compete.)
Culinary Display	Chef’s coat; chef pants; chef’s hat or hair covering; beard covering, closed-toe leather or leather-like shoes
Salad Preparation	Chef coat; chef pants, chef’s hat or hair covering, beard covering, socks, leather-like shoes

**N. REQUIRED STAR TOPICS, CATEGORIES, AND THEMES FOR 2024-2025**

STAR Topics, Categories, and Themes for 2024-2025 will be available on or before September 16, 2024, and will be shared at the Region Fall Meetings. Using a topic, category, theme, or project other than what is provided **will result in a loss of points on the event rubric**. Refer to the *C-STAR Guide, 2024*, for additional information regarding these and the other STAR events.

**O. 2024-2025 STATE PROJECT GOALS – Document is posted on state website.**

**P. STAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

**1. Recognition and Awards**

Competitors receive various types of recognition and awards. Information on awards will be given at the Fall Region Meetings.

· **Region Level**

- Certificates for all competitors and finalist seal for 1<sup>st</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> place with a qualifying score of 60
- Blue, Red or White ribbons for the top three winners in each event

· **State Level**

- Certificates with gold, silver, and bronze seals for all competitors
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies for chapter events and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals as well as cash awards, scholarships, and other merchandise for all winners

**Note:** At both Region and State Levels, in order to earn recognition, students must qualify with a score of 60 points or higher.

## **2. Competitor Requirements**

Competitors must attend the Recognition Session of their Region Qualifying Competitions, must be full-time registrants at the annual State Leadership Conference, and attend the Awards Session at the State Leadership Conference, which will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Competitors must be present in official dress to receive their recognition and/or awards and to avoid disqualification.

## **3. Guests**

Chapter advisors and members should invite parents, administrators, as well as business/industry and community supporters to the STAR Program at the region and state levels. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase student success and promote the value of FCCLA.

## **Q. NATIONAL STAR EVENTS**

State finalists in STAR events may be eligible to compete at the National level. These events will be held at the July 5-9, National Leadership Conference (NLC) held in Orlando, Florida. Please see the state website for the 2024-2025 National Qualifying FCCLA STAR Event list.

## **R. STAR EVENTS ELIGIBILITY AND FEES**

All first, second, and third-place State STAR winners in the events identified for National STAR Events should plan to attend the NLC information session following the close of the State Leadership Conference on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, in Riverside, California. If your chapter will have entries in the events that are eligible for national competition, you should start planning now for ways to finance the student(s) participation. The fee for STAR events is \$45.00 and must be paid directly through the national FCCLA advisor portal. A form for chapter participation at the National Leadership Conference will be required during the meeting.

## **S. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TRAVEL AND REGISTRATION**

For more information about the NLC, refer to packet, National Organization Information.