



# Membership FAQ's

**Q: How do I affiliate my chapter?**

**A:** You can affiliate online at [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org) or send a national affiliation form and dues payment to the address listed on your Membership Affiliation Form.

**Q: What do national dues support?**

**A:** Payment of national dues makes the organization possible. National dues support *Teen Times*, chapter mailings, national programs, chapter resources, training, promotion, processing fees, national officers' efforts, membership promotion, National Board of Directors' activities, expenses related to raising money, and operating expenses of the national headquarters and staff.

**Q: What are the qualifications for being an FCCLA member?**

**A:** Any student who is taking or has taken a course in Family and Consumer Sciences, or as determined by the state department of education, (middle school through grade 12) is eligible for membership in an organized chapter within the school.

**Q: Who can be an FCCLA adviser?**

**A:** Any teacher certified in Family and Consumer Sciences education, or as determined by the state department of education, may serve as a chapter adviser.

**Q: How do I introduce new members to FCCLA?**

**A:** Try the *Step One* activity, available from the FCCLA national website.

**Q: What's the difference between comprehensive and occupational members?**

**A:** Comprehensive members emphasize a variety of Family and Consumer Sciences education programs of study, or as determined by the state department of education. Occupational

members are enrolled in educational programs that prepare them for paid employment in a specific Family and Consumer Sciences related career.

**Q: What's a chapter ID number and where do I find it?**

**A:** Unless you are a new chapter, your chapter ID number can be found on all correspondences mailed to you from the national headquarters which include *Teen Times* and chapter mailing envelopes.

**Q: Do I need to provide a roster of all the students affiliated with my FCCLA chapter?**

**A:** Yes! Please provide a list of students that will be affiliated with your chapter and make note as to if they are male or female; occupational or comprehensive. This is very important when verifying membership for competitive events, state, and national officer elections, and/or eligibility for scholarships.

**Q: Can I affiliate my second term students?**

**A:** Yes! Affiliations are accepted until May 31. However, if members wish to compete in STAR Events the national deadline for affiliation is March 1. Deadlines at the state level may vary. Check with your state adviser.

**Q: What type of dues payment is accepted?**

**A:** School or district purchase order, a credit card, or a check made payable to FCCLA, are all acceptable forms of payment.

**Q: Can you provide me a copy of my affiliation?**

**A:** Before submitting your affiliation and student roster, please make a copy for yourself. Send the remaining two copies to national headquarters or your FCCLA state office.