

Member Initiation Ceremony

President: “This meeting of the _____ Chapter of FCCLA is in session to initiate new members. It is my pleasure and privilege to present to the chapter these candidates who desire to become members of our organization.”

Vice-President: “As members you will assume responsibility for helping plan and carry out chapter programs and activities. We recognize how we live and work together today influences who and what we become tomorrow.”

President: “Officers, will you please remind us of the eight “purposes of this organization?” Each officer in turn moves forward, lights one white candle from the red candle, and states one of the eight purposes.

Optional: One officer may be selected to light all the candles as the president states each purpose. If lighted candles are not permitted, electric lights, single-stem roses, or some other adaptation may be used in their place.

President: “As chapter members, are you willing to devote time and effort to the purposes stated by the officers?” (Members answer “I am.”) “To fulfill the requirements for membership, you must have been or are now enrolled in a Family and Consumer Sciences or related occupations class and you must have paid your membership dues for the current year.” (Turns to treasurer.) “Are these candidates eligible for membership?”

Treasurer: “The record is complete for each candidate.”

President “As FCCLA members, you are entitled to wear the emblem of our organization. It should remind you of our eight purposes and our mission, which is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

“The pin shows the FCCLA emblem. It should be worn over your heart.”

Secretary: “Will each candidate please come forward as your name is called?”

Treasurer: Gives pin or other symbol to the president who pins it on or gives it to each candidate. If the group is large, officers may assist the president.

President: “It is my privilege to welcome you as members of the _____ Chapter of FCCLA.” Other comments may be added.

The president closes the initiation with the Creed.

Alternative Initiation Ceremony

President: “It is my pleasure to present to the chapter these candidates who desire to become members of this organization.” (Turns to candidates.) “As FCCLA members, are you willing to devote time and effort to our purposes and activities?”

Members: “I am.”

President: “May the pin you wear serve as a reminder of your responsibilities as a member of this chapter. Let us repeat our Creed.”