



# OKLAHOMA CareerTech

**FCS** Family and Consumer Sciences  
FCCLA - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

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## Upcoming Events



## Research Challenge



FCS Research Challenge, an individual or team event, recognizes participants enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences for their ability to create an original scientific experiment that relates to a provided topic of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Participants must create a display and oral presentation.

[Guidelines](#)

[Register Here](#)

All slots for FCS Day @ the Capitol have been filled. If you are interested in being on the waitlist, please email [lillian.peters@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:lillian.peters@careertech.ok.gov)



Join OAFCS & OATFCS for an engaging, FCS-focused experience designed to

Inform and inspire, with dynamic sessions, networking, and planned industry tours, this event offers meaningful learning and connection for FCS professionals across Oklahoma.

**24-25** FEBRUARY 2026  
**8:30 AM** DAY 1 TO 4:30 PM  
**8:30 AM** DAY 2 TO 1:30 PM  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
402 E. NOBLE AVE., GUTHRIE, OK



**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1 Keynote Speaker**  
Industry leader sharing their knowledge and experience.
- 2 Workshops**  
Hands-on sessions to develop new skills and strategies.
- 3 Networking Opportunities**  
Connect with other FCS professionals and expand your business network.
- 4 Industry Tours**  
A guided visit to local businesses highlighting real-world practices and industry insights.

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Join Family and Consumer Sciences educators from across Oklahoma at the 2026 LINK Conference in Guthrie! Get inspired by an engaging keynote speaker, participate in a fun silent auction, enjoy hands-on learning experiences, and explore local businesses—all while strengthening your professional network with fellow FCS educators.

**Where:** First Christian Church, 402 E. Noble Ave, Guthrie, OK

**When:** February 24-25

**Start Time:** 8:30am

More information can be found on the registration link.

[Register Today](#)

## FY27 Lottery Grant Applications are Now Open!



The FY27 Lottery Grant applications are officially open — and this is your chance to dream big for your program. Funding is available for cutting-edge technology, new equipment, updated curriculum materials, and instructor training that can transform teaching and learning in your classroom.

Have an idea you've been wanting to try? A technology upgrade your students would benefit from? A way to take your program to the next level? This grant is designed to help turn those ideas into reality. Don't miss the opportunity to invest in your classroom, your students, and the future of your FCS program.

**Helpful tip** - Read the rubric! This will help guide your responses to the questions.

You can also find the documents on [ctYOU > FCS > Bulletin Board > Grants/Contests](#)

**You must submit your grant proposal on the current FY27 forms. Submission forms from previous years will NOT be excepted.**

[Learn More Here](#)



## JOB OPENING Program Specialist

[Apply Today](#)



**It is time to update the Oklahoma Department of Career & Technology Education Strategic Plan!**

This plan will define who we are, what we prioritize, and how we move forward in the years ahead. Its success depends on your voice, your experience, and your leadership.

The state agency is beginning this process by gathering input from key stakeholders, including CareerTech staff, instructors, students and their families, business and industry partners, education partners, and community members. Your perspective is essential in helping define where we are headed and how we get there.

Oklahoma CareerTech is partnering with The Persimmon Group, a Tulsa based consulting firm, to facilitate this work. Survey input will be analyzed alongside workforce, enrollment, and other relevant data to inform future strategic outcomes, guiding principles, and priorities.

We invite you to take the Strategic Planning Survey: [Oklahoma CareerTech Strategic Planning Survey K-12](#)

As you respond, we encourage you to reflect on the future of Oklahoma CareerTech, the value we create for learners and employers, and how we prepare for a rapidly changing workforce.

Your input will directly influence the goals, initiatives, and focus areas in the updated strategic plan. Thank you for sharing your voice and for being an essential part of Oklahoma CareerTech!

K-12 Strategic Planning Survey

**Here's what happening this month**



**Student Resources**

**FCCLA: 2026 National Leadership Conference Scholarship APPS DUE 2/20/26**



Students receiving scholarships on a stage

The 2026 FCCLA National Leadership Conference Scholarship offers \$2,750 in attendance assistance to nationally affiliated FCCLA student members in grades 6–11 who have not previously attended NLC. The need-based scholarship supports students attending the conference in Washington, DC and requires applicants to demonstrate financial need, leadership, community involvement, and FCCLA participation. Applications are due February 20, 2026, with recipients announced in late April 2026.

**Applications DUE:** February 20, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)

[Apply Here](#)

**ACTE & NASA Launch the 2025–26 Student Video Challenge: Gateway to the Cosmos**





ACTE and NASA HUNCH are teaming up once again for the **8th Annual Student Video Challenge**, inviting students nationwide to explore **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** through the exciting world of **space exploration** and **project-based learning**.

This year's theme, "**Gateway to the Cosmos — NASA's Lunar Outpost**," challenges students to imagine how NASA's Gateway missions will advance life on Earth and beyond — while showcasing the CTE skills and careers that make these innovations possible.

As ACTE approaches its **100-year anniversary in 2026**, this milestone challenge celebrates a century of CTE excellence and looks ahead to the next era of discovery and innovation.

The contest is open to

- **Students of all ages** — elementary through postsecondary — whether in school or homeschooled.
- Entries may be submitted individually or as teams (one video per student per year).

**Learn more and enter today** to share how CTE can take us to the stars!

Interested in sponsoring? Contact [Julia Kendrick \(ACTE\)](#) or [Loy W. Trevino \(NASA HUNCH\)](#) to learn about scholarship opportunities for winning students.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## Professional Development



*Perkins Professional Development Training sessions*

Join us for one of our upcoming professional development sessions, which includes information on the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), local application, and new innovative grant opportunities for rural schools! Training sessions, whether in person or virtual will include the same information.

Please register for in-person events by using the links below:

[February 18 from 9-10:30 - Teams \(registration not required for virtual session\)](#)

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## FCCLA

### Scholarship Opportunities

**Heather Hickman Memorial Scholarship and OAA Student Scholarship** - two separate scholarships, each \$1,500. <https://oklahomafccla.org/scholarships-%26-grants>

- **Donna Kates NLC Scholarship** - awarded to a student in the Southeast region to offset cost of attending NLC 2025. <https://oklahomafccla.org/scholarships-%26-grants>

- **Joann Carter NLC Scholarship** - awarded to a student in the South region to offset costs of attending NLC 2025. <https://oklahomafccla.org/scholarships-%26-grants>

- **Spotlight on Projects** - 15 chapters have the opportunity to participate in Ok FCCLA's "Spotlight on Projects" at the State Leadership Conference! There is not a monetary award with this event. <https://oklahomafccla.org/scholarships-%26-grants>

- **Wanda S. Holman Scholarship** - The \$750 adviser scholarship is designed to offset the cost of attending the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. It will be awarded to a current Oklahoma FCCLA Adviser who exhibits outstanding leadership and community service involvement. <https://oklahomafccla.org/scholarships-%26-grants>

- **Integration of FCCLA Award - Lee and Nevaleen Selmat Scholarship** - This scholarship is for a current FCS teacher when they show how they integrate FCCLA into their FCS curriculum. **The \$500 award** will be presented to a current Family and Consumer Sciences teacher to use on classroom supplies. <https://oklahomafccla.org/scholarships-%26-grants>

- **Grant-A-Wish Scholarship** - This is a grant given to the chapter advisor for items like camper registration, officer retreats, or a project. You must be present at the Oklahoma State Leadership Conference to accept your grant. Chapters requesting FCCLA blazers will not receive funds. <https://oklahomafccla.org/scholarships-%26-grants>

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## Seeking National Anthem Singer/Performer

**2026 State Convention National Anthem Singer application** - Whether you're a singer, instrumentalist, or a combination of both, this is your chance to showcase your skills and inspire

your fellow attendees. If you're a student with exceptional talent and stage presence, submit a video of your performance from the link below.

[Find Application Here](#)

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## State Convention Registration

Deadline to register for State Convention, Zoo Tickets, Silent Disco, T-shirt pre-order, and Content Creator Team registration - [March 6, 2026](#).

Below is a photo of the commemorative 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirt



Example of design

Hear from hilarious & impactful keynote speakers, elect the next State Officer team, cheer on your fellow chapter members as they receive their STAR Event trophies, & attend action-packed, hands-on workshops. Plus, don't miss out on the exhibitors & fun activities in the exhibit hall.

**Date:** April 2nd, 2026

**Time:** Doors open at 8:00 am

**Location:** Tulsa Arvest Convention Center 100 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK

Payment is not required until after the event.  
Registration deadline is March 6th

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Hotel Reservation Link](#)

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## FCCLA State STAR Events Schedule Posted

The State STAR Events schedule is now posted on the Oklahoma FCCLA website. This schedule will let you know which event is taking place on March 25 or 26 and if it is in the morning or afternoon. If you do not have competitors competing at State STAR events, you do not attend. Competitors only need to be there for the registration of their event session. Example - if your competitor isn't competing until the afternoon session, they'll need to arrive for the afternoon session and not the morning.

**REMEMBER TO SCROLL DOWN**

[Find Schedule Here](#)

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## NO STAR Event Online Orientation for 2025-2026

In September, national FCCLA made the decision to remove the STAR Event Orientation point from the event point summary forms. To be consistent and align with National FCCLA, Oklahoma FCCLA is not requiring online orientation forms. For the Oklahoma Events, this is still listed on the point summary form; each student will automatically receive their point for this. Point Summary Forms will be updated for the 2026-2027 school year.

An orientation video for students and evaluators will be available on the state website and strongly encouraged for all participants to view.

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## 2025-2026 Competitive Events Guidelines

The STAR Events Guidelines are now available in the FCCLA Portal. To access them, go to: [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org)

> **Resources > Competitive Events > 2025-2026 STAR Events.** Within the STAR Events section, you'll find a folder for each event containing its specific guidelines, rubrics, and resources.

[STAR Event Guidelines](#)

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## FCS in the NEWS!



Celebrate your students! banner

## We want to celebrate you and your students!

Want to brag about your students??? Share exciting news with your program specialist so we can share the exciting news with FCS leaders across the state. We want to hear how they are impacting their schools and community.

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## Tulsa Tech students visit Cancer Institute



Students from Tulsa Tech's Foundations of Fashion and Apparel Design program recently delivered specially designed sweatshirts to the Oklahoma Cancer Specialists and Research Institute. The sweatshirts were created with patient care in mind, offering easier access to chemotherapy ports while helping nurses provide treatment more comfortably and efficiently.

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## Brightening Bulletin Boards



Early Childhood Education students from Wyandotte High School recently spent some time decorating the bulletin boards around the middle and high school. Looks great, ladies! Nice work.

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## FCS Resources



Equip your students with the technical expertise and durable skills today's employers are looking

Equip your students with the technical expertise and career skills today's employers are looking for. Through the **FREE Intuit Food Truck Program**, select Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms can turn learning into an "internship on wheels"—giving students hands-on experience running a real business from the ground up.

[Learn More Here](#)



## Integrating FCCLA into your FACS Classroom with Purpose

Step into a hands-on, interactive workshop designed to make FCCLA meaningful and manageable in your FACS classroom! On April 29, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 3:00pm CST at Mission Valley High School, the first 20 teachers will explore strategies that help students thrive in STAR Events and beyond.

### What You'll Do:

- Collaborate in Skill-building stations and group activities
- Learn how to align classroom projects with STAR Event rubrics
- Explore practical ways to bring CTSO principles to life

### Walk Away With Ready-to-Use Resources, including:

- Project Calendars & event timelines
- Rubric interpretation tools
- Fundraising templates
- Chapter management guides
- Trip planning and budgeting docs

### Meet the Experts:

- Gina Bergin - 16-year FCS teacher, Mission Valley HS, national FCCLA Advisor of the Year finalist
- Ashley Weber - 18-year FCS teacher, Clearwater HS, former KATFACS President
- Cassy Dalboom - 13-year FCS teacher, Belle Plaine HS, FCCLA sponsor

Leave inspired, equipped, and ready to embed FCCLA into your teaching with confidence and purpose.

[Register Here](#)

## Next Report Due - May 31

Family & Consumer Sciences Reporting Deadlines	
CTIMS REPORT:	DUE DATE:
Salary & Teaching Report	9/30/25
CESI Report Initial submission	10/31/25
CESI - Follow Up Report	11/30/25
CESI - Additional Students	01/31/26
CESI - Final Reports	05/31/26

FCS Reporting Deadlines

## A look at ahead...

