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

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Upcoming Events

Here's what happening this month



Spring 2026 Lottery Scholarship Application DUE Today!



These scholarship dollars are provided by the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund. Awards will be based on available funds. The primary purpose of the scholarship is to help CareerTech educators obtain their teaching credentials. Scholarships may be extended to other candidates if funding is available (follow link below to see eligibility requirements). Funding is available for up to nine credit hours per applicant.

The **deadline** to apply is **February 3, 2026**.

[Learn More & Apply Here](#)

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

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](#)

Student Resources

FCCLA: 2026 National Leadership Conference Scholarship



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](#)

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 10 from 9-12 - Moore Norman Technology Center - South Penn](#)

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

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 Nevaelen 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>

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](#)

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 80th anniversary t-shirt



Front Design



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 8th

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Hotel Reservation Link](#)

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](#)

2026 Oklahoma State STAR Events Culinary Arts & Baking and Pastry Menus



2026 OK FCCLA State STAR Events menus

For **occupational programs only**, registration for **Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry** closes **February 4, 2026**. The competition will take place at Francis Tuttle, Rockwell Campus, on **March 4, 2026**.

Registration closes February 4th!

[Culinary Arts Menu](#)

[Baking & Pastry Menu](#)

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.

2025-2026 Competitive Events Guidelines

The STAR Events Guidelines are now available in the FCCLA Portal. To access them, go to: 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](#)

FCS in the NEWS!



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.

Congratulation to the future FCCLA National and State Officers!



We proudly celebrate every FCCLA member who stepped forward to run for National or State Office. Putting yourself through the interview process takes real bravery, confidence, and a willingness to lead—qualities each of you showed by simply saying “yes” to the opportunity.

To those who may not have advanced to the next phase, know that your courage and preparation still matter, and this experience does not define your potential or your impact. Leadership takes many forms, and your journey is just getting started.

National FCCLA Member Monday Spotlight:



Timberlake High School FCCLA (Oklahoma) ✨
 “This week, we’re celebrating Timberlake FCCLA for partnering with local elementary classrooms to lead a hands-on playdough activity during the holidays. Through Family & Consumer Sciences, members shared leadership, learning, and life skills with more than 150 elementary students.” -National FCCLA

[Read More](#)

FCS Resources



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

Curriculum Carousel Recap



If you were unable to attend our Curriculum Carousel or would like to revisit the information shared, the full session is now available on our YouTube channel for on-demand viewing.

Curriculum Carousel Recap

A look at ahead...

2026
March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Education & Sport App Deadline	2 Four Affiliates in Action National Awards App Deadline	3 State STAR Exam Registration Closes	4 Culinary & Baking & Pastry	5 Final State Competition Registration Closes	6	7
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