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## Upcoming Events

Here's what happening this month



## FY27 Lottery Grant Applications - Due FRIDAY!



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 cYOU > FCS > Bulletin Board > Grants/Contests

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

[Learn More Here](#)

## Looking for an engaging FCS Curriculum?



Our FCS Curriculum bundle is perfect for the 26-27 School Year and includes early access this Spring!

The FCS bundle includes 23 courses, can be purchased with [Grant](#) funding, and includes the OK State approved, 100% aligned Personal Finance course.

**Grant Applications are due March 6th.**

Contact: Kelly Griesbach ([kelly.griesbach@edynamiclearning.com](mailto:kelly.griesbach@edynamiclearning.com)) at eDynamic Learning for a demo account.

FCS Bundle

Personal Finance Flyer



### OkACTE Summit Installment Plan

OkACTE offers a members-only installment plan for membership dues with a minimum balance of \$100. Eligible dues include OkACTE (\$60), ACTE (\$80), state and national divisional dues, and any additional divisions. Please note that each additional national division includes a \$10 fee, and a \$2 processing fee is added to each installment payment.

**Payment Options (ACH draft from checking account):**

#### **4 Installments**

- Drafted: June, July, August, September
- Enrollment form due: **March 31, 2026**
- Initial payment due via Oklahoma Summit website: May 31, 2026

#### **2 Installments**

- Drafted: September and October
- Enrollment form and initial payment due: **August 8, 2026**

Members must choose either the 5th or the 20th as their monthly draft date.

[Find More Info Here](#)

## Student Resources

### 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

### Apply Now: Lead4Change Summit (Fully Funded!) - Due FRIDAY

Middle and high school educators are invited to apply for the 2026 **Lead4Change Summit**, a two-day immersive professional development retreat in Nashville, TN, April 20–21, 2026.

This unique experience includes 12+ hours of interactive leadership development, meaningful collaboration with educators nationwide, and a fully funded scholarship covering travel, lodging, meals, and programming. Space is limited to just 25 participants.

Applications close **March 6**. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to recharge, connect, and grow!

[Learn More](#)

[Apply Now](#)

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## FCCLA

### District Officer Applications

Applications will be available March 9, 2026. Information will be on the Oklahoma FCCLA website.

[OK FCCLA](#)

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### State Convention Registration- Closes FRIDAY!

**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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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](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!



## 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.

### LINK Conference



Thank you to everyone who attended the 26 LINK Conference! It was a fantastic event filled with valuable information, meaningful connections, and plenty of fun. We appreciate your participation and enthusiasm, and we're already looking forward to next year's conference.

Congratulations to Amanda Faulkenberry on being named the OAFCS Teacher of the Year—an outstanding and well-deserved recognition of her dedication and impact!

Want to see more photos from LINK, follow [OAFCS](#) on Facebook.

### FCS Resources

Are you looking for supplementary curriculum to help fill some gaps in your lesson plans?

**LifeLogic**, an Oklahoma-based company, is offering **FREE access to all Oklahoma FCS teachers for the remainder of the school year**. This is a great opportunity to explore a dynamic supplemental curriculum at no cost to you or your school.

LifeLogic delivers essential life skills content in a format today's students connect with—short, engaging videos paired with thoughtful, real-world application questions. The platform is intuitive and easy to navigate, making it simple for teachers to implement and seamless for students to use.

- ✓ FCS-approved supplemental curriculum
- ✓ Engaging, student-friendly format
- ✓ Easy integration into existing lesson plans
- ✓ Completely FREE for Oklahoma FCS teachers for the remainder of the year

We encourage you to explore LifeLogic and see how it can enhance your classroom instruction and help fill instructional gaps with meaningful, relevant content.

To get started, simply email your name, school site, and preferred email address to [info@lifelogic.org](mailto:info@lifelogic.org), and their team will get you set up right away. Take advantage of this opportunity while access is available!

Start your FREE Access Today

## FREE FCS Posters & Giveaway



To help you inspire even more students - and celebrate FCS educator's day - Realityworks is sharing **free, downloadable posters** that highlight careers, skills, and compassion in FCS education.

Complete a quick survey to access their FREE posters.

[Find Resources Here](#)

Realityworks is also recognizing educators all month long. Enter their CTE Month giveaway for a chance to win a \$1,500 product voucher you can use on any of their FCS tools to strengthen hands-on learning in your program.

All it takes is one sentence about the impact you're making. And as a thank you, **every entry receives free, downloadable lessons**.

[Enter Giveaway](#)



Equip your students with the technical expertise *and* durable 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:
<del>Salary &amp; Teaching Report</del>	<del>9/30/25</del>
<del>CESI Report Initial submission</del>	<del>10/31/25</del>
<del>CESI - Follow Up Report</del>	<del>11/30/25</del>
<del>CESI - Additional Students</del>	<del>01/31/26</del>
CESI - Final Reports	05/31/26

FCS Reporting Deadlines

## A look at ahead...

2026

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <small>State Convention</small>	3	4
5 <small>SCS HAPPY</small>	6	7	8	9	10	11

Easter						
12	13	14 District Officer Application DEADLINE	15 N I-PI Meeting	16 District Officer Application DEADLINE	17	18
19	20	21 FCCLA	22 SEC Joint Council Meeting	23 FCCLA	24	25
26	27 NE I-PI S 2-PI	28 NE 5-PI S 1-PI DO Interviews N & SE Regions	29 NE 4-PI DO Interviews NE Region	30 N 3-PI SE 5-PI DO Interviews S Region		



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FCS/FCCLA Calendar for March [ [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ciZf403-oFdRwMw-YEPtLdKh5GCj1\\_S/view?usp=sharing&utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ciZf403-oFdRwMw-YEPtLdKh5GCj1_S/view?usp=sharing&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=) ]

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FY27 Lottery Grant Applications - Now OPEN! [ [https://oklahoma.gov/careertech/educators/funding-and-grants.html?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://oklahoma.gov/careertech/educators/funding-and-grants.html?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=) ]

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