



FCCLA E-Adviser

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Approaching Deadline

Application to Serve on FCCLA Board of Directors

FCCLA is seeking a local comprehensive FCCLA adviser to serve on the Board of Directors. Candidates must have been a chapter adviser in the North Atlantic or Central region for at least two years, and must currently be serving as a chapter adviser affiliated with the national organization. **Applications are due May 15, 2010.** For more information and detailed requirements, visit the [FCCLA website](#).

From the FCCLA Board of Directors

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

The National Elections Task Force has proposed several bylaw amendments and the Board of Directors has approved their proposal for voting by the general membership. This entire proposal will be considered as a single item at the Business and Recognition Session on Tuesday, July 6 and will require approval of two-thirds of the voting delegates in order to pass. [Please review the proposal](#) and provide input to your state's voting delegates prior to the National Leadership Conference. Please direct questions regarding this proposal to Edie Doane at edoane@fcclainc.org.

Denise Morris
Chair

From the Executive Office

Call to Action!

The U.S. Senate is considering a broad range of services and programs in reauthorization of No Child Left Behind Act and we need your help!

According to *Education Week*, the Obama administration appears to be moving in the direction of supporting “the whole child” concept. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee appears to agree with the concept of including a wide range of services as they consider renewing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) or the No Child Left Behind Act. Some elements being discussed are mentoring, increased parent and community involvement including the arts and physical education. Although programs such as those offered through Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) were not discussed in the ESEA hearing last week, I think we have an opportunity to educate Senate staff about the good work that FACS teachers do in addressing the needs of “the whole child.” Now is the time for you as advisers to provide your Senators with stories of accomplishment that you perform on a daily basis to educate and engage students. Over the next few weeks, the Senate Committee will be gathering information regarding reauthorization of ESEA. Please write to your Senator and, in addition, have your students write and tell them your story! [Click here for more information](#).

Michael L. Benjamin, M.P.H., CAE
Executive Director

Competitive Events

STAR Events Advisory Team Nominations - Due May 31

FCCLA is seeking new student and chapter adviser members for the STAR Events Advisory Team. The STAR Events Advisory Team oversees the development and management of national STAR Events and plays a big role in conducting the annual national competitions. New student and chapter adviser members will serve a two-year term beginning in August 2010. Additional information and nomination forms can be found in the [Competitive Events section](#) of the FCCLA national website.

Marketing & Membership

Social Networking

Interact with FCCLA members and advisers, receive updates from national FCCLA, and get the latest news on the national level through FCCLA's social networking profiles. Log on and get connected today!

[Find us on Facebook!](#)

Follow [@nationalFCCLA](#) on Twitter

Tune in on [SchoolTube.com](#)

Meetings

Be a Part of the Conference Program

Show your support for FCCLA state and chapter officers, members, and advisers in the printed conference program. Affiliated members may receive space for as little as \$25. [Click Here for the Conference Ad Form](#). Space must be reserved by May 15, so submit your Ad form today!

Programs & Youth Training

Lesson Plans and Activities

Share your FCCLA lesson plans and activities with other advisers, and find lessons to use in your classroom. Use the provided template to email FCCLA integrated lessons to bstandley@fcclainc.org (please include attachments). The Lesson Plans and Activities page also includes Power of One and Dynamic Leadership content, previously found on the national program CD.

National Program Awards

Thank you to all those chapters who completed a 2010 FCCLA National Program Award application. Letters and certificates have been emailed to all chapters that applied, and results have been posted on the FCCLA website. If you did not receive a letter and/or certificate, please email progawards@fcclainc.org.

State Officer Training at NLC

Although USA will no longer be taking place, there will still be training specifically for state officers at the 2010 National Leadership Conference. State officers and advisers will be sent additional information at a later date, but please note these two opportunities for state officers to develop their leadership skills, learn about their new roles in FCCLA, and network with other officers:

- State Officer Training - Sunday, July 4, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (*open to all state officers*)
- Team Trainings – Wednesday, July 7, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (*by state adviser's appointment*)

Future FCCLA Alumni Recruitment

Help FCCLA stay connected to the seniors graduating from your chapter this spring! Tell them to join the online community so they can stay involved in FCCLA well beyond their high school years. Graduating seniors get 50% off their first year of Alumni & Associates membership! Joining is simple:

1. Go to www.fcclaalumni.org.
2. Click "Get Connected & Register" on the left hand side of the screen.
3. Complete the required profile information and pay online for a one- or two-year membership (1-year \$7.50/2-year \$22.50).
4. FCCLA will approve members once payment and information is verified.

National A&A members can connect with FCCLA friends from all over their state and throughout country, stay involved by volunteering at national conferences, and share their past and current experiences with others. Make sure your students don't miss out on this great opportunity to continue their FCCLA journey!

Miscellaneous

2010 Census

On May 1, thousands of census workers will begin knocking on doors in your area to collect census data from households that did not mail back their census forms. This process is called Nonresponse Follow-up (NRFU). Participating in the 2010 Census is easy, important and safe. With NRFU operations beginning, households receiving visits from census takers should be cooperative, but exercise caution. When a census worker visits a household, he or she will have a badge with a Department of Commerce watermark. NRFU activities play an important role in helping communities achieve a complete count. Census data are used to help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs, family support programs, senior centers and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.

Act Out Loud

Act Out Loud is a teen-led movement to take on the No. 1 killer of teens – car crashes. An average of 11 teens die a day in preventable crashes. FCCLA is proud to announce that Ste. Genevieve High School in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri and Three Forks High School in Three Forks, Montana have been selected as the "Top 20" of nearly 100 Act Out Loud applicants. Voting will be live in May and these schools have a chance to win up to \$25,000. For more information visit [Act Out Loud](#).

Make a safety video, win a scholarship.

Your students can earn money for scholarships by entering the Bridgestone Safety Scholars video contest and could win a \$5,000 scholarship to the college of his or her college of choice. Just make a 25 or 55-second video about any safety topic, and upload it to safetyscholars.com by July 1. The top three winners not only win cash for college, but will also have their videos made into public service announcements that air across the country. To learn more about the contest, go to www.safetyscholars.com.

National Youth Traffic Safety Month

National Youth Traffic Safety Month is a national campaign held each May during prom, graduation, and the beginning of the summer driving season. These times of fun and celebration too often turn into tragic events caused by avoidable crashes. Youth all across the country are developing and implementing peer led traffic safety campaigns, supporting enforcement efforts, and advocating for stronger laws to protect young drivers. Be part of the campaign. Get Involved! For more information, please visit [NYTSM](#). To be recognized for your traffic safety project, enter [YOUTH-Turn It Around](#) or the [50 Best Award](#).



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