



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America® 2012 Frank W. H. Fort Civic Engagement /Leadership Scholarship Application

Frank W.H. Fort was an FCCLA state adviser for New Mexico, a member of the National Board of Directors of FCCLA, National President of the State Supervisors (NASAFACS) division of ACTE, a National Alumni Achievement Award recipient of FCCLA and a strong advocate of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) education and FCCLA youth leadership opportunities throughout his life. He was an adventurer and risk-taker who did not wait for something to happen; rather, he sought a means to make something happen. Frank was willing to step out of the box into the unknown searching for opportunities for growth, improvement, and innovation. Frank died in 2008 at the age of 36 from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Frank W.H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship recognizes a current middle, junior or senior high FCCLA member who plans and implements an exemplary civic engagement / leadership project at the local, district, state or national level to increase awareness of a specific need or interest. Each applicant will be evaluated based on the application information provided, and a recipient will be selected by a selection committee.

Civic engagement has been defined as "Individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern." It can take many forms - from individual volunteerism to organizational involvement and can include efforts to directly address an issue or work with others in a community to solve a problem. From volunteering to voting, from community organizing to political advocacy, the defining characteristic of active civic engagement is the commitment to participate and contribute to the improvement of one's community, neighborhood, nation and world. Youth engaged in civic engagement would mean that youth leadership (youth-led projects) is evident.

Please complete the following instructions to apply for the Frank W.H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship.

Eligibility:

Open to a **nationally** affiliated FCCLA member who:

- is affiliated with national FCCLA by March 1, 2012.

Instructions:

1. **Type all information using 10pt. Times New Roman font.**
2. Do not alter this form in any way or use abbreviations.
3. Complete all sections of the application.
4. List information chronologically beginning with the earliest date first.
5. Use only the space provided. Do not send additional pages. Applicants will be judged solely on information contained in this form and your recommendations. Applications cannot be returned to applicant.
6. For award consideration, applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2012, and sent to FCCLA National Headquarters. Do not send any other applications with this application. Mark envelope "**Attn: Frank W.H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship.**"
7. **Include a copy of your chapter affiliation verifying national dues paid by March 1, 2012.**
8. Applicants must include three (3) recommendations: one from their local adviser and two from an individual who speak to below criteria. (*Recommendations must be signed and should be no more than 1 page*).
9. **All signatures must be included in this application.**
10. Application must be postmarked by **April 1, 2012.**
11. Projects will be disqualified for scholarship consideration for failing to submit the required forms or follow the guidelines listed.
12. Return application to:

**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc.
Attn: Frank W.H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship
1910 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191-1584**

Procedure/Recognition

National FCCLA will award one individual (middle, junior or senior high) member - **\$500** to support attendance at the National Leadership Conference (NLC).* If the student submitting the proposal or a participant in the project is unable to attend NLC, the award will still be presented but the monetary stipend will not. The FCCLA national scholarship will be given annually at NLC. The financial amount will be presented prior to NLC to support recipient's attendance.

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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Guardian Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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II. PROJECT CRITERIA

Judges will evaluate:

Demonstrated leadership abilities as a member at the chapter and state levels

- Character
- Initiative
- Collaboration
- Knowledge of FCCLA, leadership study and career skills
- Civic Engagement knowledge and skills
- Service-learning skills and action

Demonstrated Projects of Civic Engagement / Leadership

Examples:

- Develop a new policy proposal for consideration at a school, state, or national level, i.e. a bylaws proposal and action to change FCCLA to more completely meet its mission.
- Develop a social marketing campaign for positively changing the image of FCCLA or Family and Consumer Sciences education, i.e. a campaign to change public opinion about funding a local Family and Consumer Sciences program or FCCLA chapter at a school.
- Develop a social action project to better one's community, state, national or global community; i.e. a campaign to raise awareness to and prevention of carbon monoxide poisoning; a campaign to stop cell phone use in all school zones or texting while driving; a campaign to provide adequate water to third world countries of funding a school building in an African village through marketing cotton t-shirt designs sold on the internet as a non-profit venture.

Evidence of leadership goals for the future

- Stated goals and plans to stay involved and "give back" to FCCLA in the future.
- Career goals.
- Community and civic engagement goals.
- Family and Consumer Sciences education goals to support Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA in the future.

III. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: _____

Completely answer all parts of the questions that follow. Be concise, but give as many details as possible.

A. Leadership (Limit one (1) page total for all five (5) areas.) (15 points)

Describe the leadership activities you have been involved in:

- Chapter
- School
- Community
- State FCCLA
- Volunteerism and service

B. Civic Engagement / Leadership (Limit one (1) page) (20 points)

Show how your leadership fits the component of Civic Engagement.

C. Personal Character (Limit two (2) pages) (20 points)

Describe how you have exemplified these personal qualities:

- Character
- Initiative
- Collaboration
- Knowledge of FCCLA, leadership student and career skills
- Civic Engagement knowledge and skills
- Service / service learning

D. Your project or campaign effort (Limit two (2) pages) (35 points)

Choose one and describe, including a summary and the impact it had on the local, state, national, or global community:

- Developed a new policy proposal for consideration at the school, state, or national level.
- Developed a social marketing campaign for positively changing the image of FCCLA or Family and Consumer Sciences education.
- Developed a social action project to better the local, state, national or global community.

E. Letters of recommendation: (Submit three (3) letters) (10 points)

- One from the chapter adviser
- Two letters that speak to the above criteria. (youth director, principal, school board member, beneficiary of the project)

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A. LEADERSHIP (15 POINTS)

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B. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT/LEADERSHIP (20 POINTS)

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C. PERSONAL CHARACTER (20 POINTS)

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C. PERSONAL CHARACTER CONTINUED (20 POINTS)

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D. YOUR PROJECT OR CAMPAIGN EFFORT (35 POINTS)

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E. RECOMMENDATIONS (10 POINTS)

Please provide and mail along with your application, three (3) written and signed recommendations, 100 words or less, from the following individuals:

- Your FCCLA Chapter Adviser
- Two (2) letters that speak to the above criteria (youth director, principal, school board member, beneficiary of the project)

Please read and sign:

I understand that by submitting this form, if selected as the Frank W. H. Fort Civic Engagement/Leadership Scholarship recipient, I or one of the participants in my project must attend the 2011 National Leadership Conference in order to receive the monetary stipend part of the scholarship. All information is correct to the best of my knowledge. (Signatures are required below. Typed names will not be accepted.)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Chapter Adviser

Date

Don't forget to include these attachments:

- Three (3) recommendations
- Chapter affiliation verifying national dues paid by
3/1/2012