STAR Events

Students Taking Action with Recognition

STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) are competitive events in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. STAR Events offer individual skill development and application of learning through the following activities—

- **Cooperative**—teams work to accomplish specific goals
- **Individualized**—members work alone to accomplish specific goals
- **Competitive**—individual or team performance measured by an established set of criteria.

**STAR Events offered at Region Level in SD:**
- ✔ Professional Presentation (Formerly Illustrated Talk) - Unlimited number entries/category.
- ✔ Job Interview – 3 entries per chapter per category.
- ✔ Career Investigation – 3 entries per chapter per category.

**STAR Events offered at State Level in SD:** All events offered at national level; see list below.
- ✔ For State Leadership competition, each chapter may submit **2 entries per category** (Level 1 [Members through 8th grade], Level 2 [Grades 9-10], Level 3 [Grades 11-12]) for all STAR Events only one entry in Chapter in Review Display and one entry in Chapter in Review Portfolio per category.
- ✔ No projects can be entered in more than one category of a single event, or in more than one event. However, projects entered in any event may be included in the Chapter in Review events.
- ✔ Participants registering for STAR Events requiring enrollment in a specified FCS course to enter the event may be asked to provide proof (grade transcript/official class schedule) of enrollment to participate in specific STAR Event (Culinary, Fashion Construction, Fashion Design, Early Childhood Education, Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism, Interior Design, Culinary Math Management, and Focus on Children) at state leadership conference. Check eligibility of participants and membership affiliation category before registering for event.
- ✔ Project Summary Form link is in the FCCLA Portal under the survey tab.

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### Online STAR Events

- Digital Stories for Change
- Chapter Website
- Instructional Video Design (New 2019-2020)
Event Information

An **individual event** is one completed by an individual. A **team event** is one that is completed by team members, with the exception of Chapter Service Project, Chapter in Review, and Promote and Publicize FCCLA!, which reflect the efforts of other chapter members. The definition of a “team event” is an event that can be completed by an entire chapter but may be presented by a team of one, two, or three members.

Checklist for the Adviser

This checklist is designed to give you, the adviser, an organized view of STAR Events and to ensure all requirements for the students have been met. Please read all information carefully and completely to ensure you and your student(s) understand all requirements.

- 1. Distribute information about STAR Events to your members and provide access to the Competitive Events Guide (Located on the member affiliation system under “Resources” tab on far right drop down arrow until November 1 unless affiliated by November 1st.)
- 2. After the members have chosen their events, give them copies or electronic access to:
  - Policies, Eligibility and General Rules for ALL levels of competition
  - Checklist for Participants
  - STAR Events resources (topics, scenarios, templates, etc.) found online at [http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php](http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php).
  - Pages for their event
  - Glossary
- 3. To avoid disqualification, make sure students are eligible for the event they have chosen.
- 4. Ensure that students’ state and national dues have been paid by deadline dates. Students must be nationally affiliated.
- 5. Ensure that the registration for local, regional, or state events is sent in by the state’s deadline.
- 6. After the students have completed their projects, go over all requirements with them and make sure all guidelines have been met.

Intra-curricular Opportunities

Participation in STAR Events is an exciting, challenging, and fun experience. It provides opportunities for FCCLA members to share knowledge and hard work with others, and to be recognized for their accomplishments.

STAR Events strengthen the Family and Consumer Sciences program by increasing student motivation and providing a framework for authentic learning experiences.

Alignment of STAR Events to national educational initiatives and standards, Career Clusters, and National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences can be downloaded at [http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php](http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php).

Checklist for Participants

- 1. Ensure that your chapter, state, and national dues are paid by the deadline dates.
- 2. Choose an event.
- 3. Read through the guidelines and rules carefully.
- 4. Check Policies, Eligibility and General Rules in addition to your event Guidelines.
- 5. Obtain current STAR Events resources (if applicable) such as menus, scenarios, or templates at [http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php](http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php). Some resources may be only available through the FCCLA Portal (ask your adviser for assistance).
- 6. Complete all parts of the project (Oral Presentation, Portfolio, Display, etc.).
- 7. Be sure to read the glossary for clarification of italicized words.
- 8. Look over your event’s rubric and Point Summary Form, and double check that you have covered all required elements.
- 9. Go through all rules again with your adviser, to make sure you have completed everything that is required correctly.
- 10. Practice going through your STAR Event many times to assure precision and quality. Have someone critique your materials and your performance, and consider incorporating their suggestions.
EVENT DESCRIPTION AND CATEGORIES
Individual events evaluate one member’s performance. Team events evaluate several participants’ or a chapter’s performance as one entry. Team events may have one, two, or three participants from the same chapter, and Parliamentary Procedure, which may have four to eight participants from the same chapter.


An event category is determined by the participant’s current or previous enrollment in Family and Consumer Sciences coursework or a Career Cluster class/course that is taught or could be taught by a person approved by the state education system for teaching Family and Consumer Sciences courses or content areas. Entry into a particular category is determined by affiliation with FCCLA, membership designation of either comprehensive or occupational as defined below, and participant’s grade in school during the school year preceding the National Leadership Conference. Any change in membership status must be reported by the May 31 affiliation deadline.

Event categories are defined as:
- Level 1—FCCLA chapter members through grade 8
- Level 2—FCCLA chapter members in grades 9-10
- Level 3—FCCLA chapter members in grades 11–12
- A team composed of members of two levels (example – Level 1 and Level 2) must enter and compete in the category of the highest level competitor.

MEMBERSHIP
A student is not considered an affiliated FCCLA member at any level (local, state, and/or national) until all membership dues are received at national headquarters. Only affiliated members are eligible to compete in any level of STAR Events. South Dakota does not allow members to participate in regional or state events unless national membership is verified. Note: South Dakota’s membership deadline for state meeting competition is SLC registration closing date.

Participants must compete in the same membership category (Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3) as indicated in the membership affiliation system. Membership transfers may be needed for participants transferring chapters or were affiliated incorrectly. To change membership status within the affiliation system, please contact South Dakota State Adviser.

In addition to membership deadlines are STAR Events registration deadlines. Please ensure that all registrations are submitted in a timely manner to avoid disqualification or late fees at the regional, state, and national levels.

Eligibility and General Rules for All Levels of Competition
1. An individual member may participate in only one national STAR Event in any given year unless a student participated at the region level and completes a different STAR Event to compete at the State Leadership Conference. Participation is open to any nationally affiliated FCCLA chapter member. Events may have additional eligibility requirements. If a member wins the top state award, the member(s) may not compete in same event/category the following year. If they fall into a different event category (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3), they may compete in a new event category with a different project. (SD FCCLA BOD Policy & Procedures Manual – Part II - Section 5 -11D)
2. Participants must follow national rules for competition, or risk possible disqualification or loss of points.
3. All STAR Events projects must be developed and completed during a one-year span beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the school year before the National Leadership Conference.
4. All STAR Events projects must be planned and prepared by the participant(s) only. Supporting resources are acceptable as long as participants are coordinating their use and resources are cited appropriately verbally and/or in print during the presentation to avoid false credit for unoriginal or non- participant work. Participants are encouraged to use original materials, items licensed for reuse, or items in which copyright permission has been granted.
5. State and chapter advisers will ensure that identical presentations of the same project are not entered into STAR Events multiple years.
6. Participants are not allowed to distribute any materials to the evaluators unless the event rules specifically allow it. Evaluators are not allowed to keep any items given to them by STAR Events participants.
7. No projects can be entered in more than one category of a single event, or in more than one event. However, projects entered in any event may be included in the Chapter in Review events.
8. Chapters are allowed to enter only one entry in Chapter in Review Display and one entry in Chapter in Review Portfolio per category.
9. Spectators are not allowed to observe any portion of any STAR Event. Videotaping and/ or audio recording of events is
10. Participants are to maintain a professional appearance and attitude during all STAR Events activities.

11. Participants are responsible for their own event materials, and may not have others assist them with event setup, including moving items into the competition area. Any items left behind are not the responsibility of FCCLA and may be discarded.

12. STAR Events resources (topics, scenarios, templates, etc.) can be found online at [http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php](http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php).

13. For Fashion Construction, Fashion Design, and Recycle and Redesign events lingerie and swimsuits are not allowed. Clothing that does not meet acceptable standards of modesty/appropriateness for a school function or setting is prohibited.

14. If a participant fails to adhere to event guidelines or event definition, or prepares an item not based on the current event scenario, then the sample/display/project is ineligible for evaluation. The participant will still be able to compete with an oral presentation if they choose to do so, and will only be scored on the oral presentation.

15. Participants may present in front, behind, or beside the designated table or space. Participants may not place items on the consultant or evaluator tables.

16. All materials on displays must be placed on a clearly defined presentation surface. Displays with a clearly defined Front presentation surface (such as tri-fold boards) may not have items on the back of the board, as consultants/evaluators would not be expected to look behind a display for project components. Displays with multiple presentation sides may have materials on all clearly defined presentation surfaces. All materials must be easily viewed, accessible, and legible.

**STAR Event Information Packets - File Folders – Portfolios**

PLEASE NOTE: For all paper work - file folders, portfolios, and manuals required for each STAR Event, please follow guidelines found in the National Competitive Events Manual. When completing the File Folder Label and Project Identification Page, please follow instructions as printed in the National Competitive Events Manual. Participants at the state level will not complete the online orientation and will not turn in the online orientation verification form to Room Consultant at time of presentation.

Participants in STAR Events are to turn in their file folders and/or portfolios to the Room Consultants at the time indicated prior to their scheduled event time. Please consult each event schedule for additional information for set up times. Failure to follow set up times for Focus on Children - Display, Chapter Service Project - Manual and Display, and Chapter in Review - Manual and Display may lead to disqualification. Participants are to pick up their displays for these three events by designated time. The state association will not be responsible for the displays if they are not picked up on time. Participants are responsible to wait after their presentation to pick up their manual.

**STAR Events Requiring a Portfolio Requirement**

Participants are required to turn in their portfolios to the event room consultant at the time listed in the schedule. The portfolio/binder will be required at the region/state meeting as required in the national guidelines for these events. The official FCCLA binder may be white or red in color with FCCLA written on the spine section of the cover. The 3-ring binders purchased through E-Group will be the only binders allowed for the events. All materials, including the content divider pages must fit within the cover, be one-sided, and may not exceed specified number of pages for event. Divider page tabs may extend up to 1” outside the cover.

**STAR Event Recognition Information**

The recognition for the STAR Events at the region meeting/state leadership conference will be done by chapters/regions. The president or voting delegate from each chapter will announce the ratings of the chapter participants. Please do not allow anyone to leave the recognition session until it is over.

**State Meeting STAR Event Run-Offs**

STAR Event Run-Offs are held at the State Leadership Conference so that the STAR Event participants receiving top superiors may present their project an additional time to a new set of evaluators. Top score from each STAR Event section will move on to compete in run-offs. If there is only one section of a STAR Event, there will be no run-off unless there is a tie in the event room. The names of the individuals will be posted at various locations in the Denny Sanford Event Center near the FCCLA Headquarters area.

STAR Event Run-Off participants are to report to the FCCLA Headquarters’ Room to be assigned a time and location to participate in Run-Offs. File folder information packets will be presented to the Room Consultant at the scheduled Run-
Off time. The folder will be given to the evaluators prior to the presentation. It is the responsibility of the participant to watch for run-off announcements and information. STAR Event participants are required to go through run-offs, unless there is only one section of the STAR Event category with no tie, to be considered for advancement to the national level. Categories that will advance on to the national level are listed in the National STAR Events Guidelines.

**Top Superior Recognition - STAR Procession**

Recognition of STAR Event participants during the Tuesday morning General Session will be as follows:

- Illustrated Talk - only the students who have been called back as "top superiors" and participated in a run-off will participate in the STAR procession.

- Other STAR Events - Participants in all other STAR Events who received a “superior” rating will participate in the STAR procession.

**STAR Event National Meeting Participants**

The South Dakota FCCLA Association pays STAR Event Registration for the first place participants that advance to the National FCCLA Leadership Meeting. It is very IMPORTANT that advisers and students understand that only minimal funding is provided and it does not cover the total cost of attending the national leadership meeting. The amount of money provided from the state association for each participant representing South Dakota FCCLA in STAR Events will receive the same amount of grant money which will be $45.00. If the membership dues for the students who are to participate at the national level were not submitted prior to March 1, 2020, the National Policy will be implemented that allows you to pay a $100 processing fee for the STAR Event registration plus State and National dues. The chapter and/or student will need to pay all dues and processing fees. Participants all need to follow STAR Event Category rules in order to be recognized as a top superior and be eligible for national participation.

Immediately following the Tuesday Third General Session at the State Leadership Conference, a meeting will be held for all STAR Event National Meeting Conference participants. At this meeting, information will be provided regarding the National Leadership Conference, registration forms, expenses, etc. This meeting is mandatory for all national STAR Event participants. Before leaving the state meeting, all STAR Event participants will need to complete the appropriate information forms distributed at the Tuesday noon meeting. Forms will be used to process events for the national conference. PLEASE NOTE: Registration turnaround time for national meeting will be less than a week for the 2020 NLC due to the late date of the South Dakota State Leadership Conference Meeting. Please have the discussion with parents for approval to attend NLC before you leave for state meeting so you will know if they advance to NLC, they are able to attend. You will need to have paperwork done by the Friday after state meeting to avoid increased registration costs.

Arrangements for registration and lodging at the national conference are the responsibility of the local chapter adviser. All STAR Event participants, officer candidates, state officers, etc. are required to stay with the delegation in an official FCCLA designated hotel. Those wishing to stay at a hotel that is not on the official FCCLA hotel list, will not be allowed to participate in STAR Events and will not receive funding from the state association. STAR Event participants and their advisers are responsible for scheduling transportation to the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

**NLC Online STAR Event Orientation Sessions**

All entries will receive 2 points for submitting the Online STAR Event Orientation form completed after viewing event orientation session video, posted on the national FCCLA website. During the presentation the STAR Events schedule, participant’s responsibilities, general event schedule and evaluation procedure will be reviewed. Each entry must complete and submit the Online STAR Events Orientation form to the event room consultant at the time of competition. Only one form per entry (team or participant) is required. All rules apply even if the participant decides not to complete the orientation session. FCCLA does not assume responsibility for any problems resulting from participants who choose not to complete and document their participation.

**Supplies, Equipment and Electrical Access**

Participants must bring all needed supplies with them to competition. Supplies will not be available from the National Leadership Conference Headquarters or Competitive Events Headquarters. Access to an electrical outlet will not be provided unless required for a participant classified under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This request must be made during the national STAR Events registration process. Participants are encouraged to bring fully charged devices such as laptops, tablets, etc., to use for presentations, as allowed per event guidelines.
The FCCLA Planning Process for Individual and Team Action

The Planning Process is a decision-making tool that supports the organization’s overall philosophy about youth-centered leadership and personal growth. It can be used to determine group action in a chapter or class or to plan individual projects.

Go to http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php to download a blank FCCLA Planning Process template. This template may be modified, but all headings must be used, in the correct order. The FCCLA logo, STAR Events logo, and Planning Process graphics are encouraged but not required.

IDENTIFY CONCERNS
The circle represents a continuous flow of ideas and has no beginning or end. As a target, it symbolizes zeroing in on the one idea around which you would like to build a project.
- Brainstorm to generate ideas, or state the activity or problem you want to address if already determined.
- Evaluate your list and narrow it down to a workable idea or project that interests and concerns the majority or all of your members.

SET A GOAL
The arrow stands for deciding which direction you will take. It points toward the goal or end result.
- Get a clear mental picture of what you want to accomplish, and write your ideas down as your goal.
- Make sure your goal is one that can be achieved and evaluated.
- Consider resources available to you.

FORM A PLAN
The square represents the coming together of ideas—the who, what, where, when, and how of your plan.
- Decide what needs to be done to reach your goal.
- Figure out the who, what, where, when, and how.
- List the abilities, skills, and knowledge required on your part.
- List other available resources, such as people, places, publications, and funds.
- Make a workable timetable to keep track of your progress.
- List possible barriers you might face, and develop plans if necessary.
- Decide ways to recognize your accomplishments along the way.

ACT
The different squares in this symbol represent the activities to be carried out to meet your goal. It represents acting on the plan.
- Carry out your group or individual plan.
- Use family and community members, advisers, committees, task forces, and advisory groups when needed.

FOLLOW UP
The broken squares suggest examining the project piece by piece. This symbol also represents a “window” through which to review and evaluate the plan.
- Determine if your goal was met.
- List ways you would improve your project or plan for future reference.
- Share and publicize your efforts with others, including the media if appropriate.
- Recognize members and thank people involved with your project.
IDENTIFY CONCERNS

SET A GOAL

FORM A PLAN (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW, COST, RESOURCES, AND EVALUATION)

ACT

FOLLOW UP