Welcome FCCLA Students and Advisers!
LifeSmarts has always had a strong connection with FCCLA, and now student members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America have the opportunity to compete both in LifeSmarts and in the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl. Advisers can utilize content resources (PPTs etc.) in class.

Click here for directions to register for LifeSmarts.
Click here for the FCCLA coach’s quick reference guide.

Learn more about the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl at the FCCLA NLC

- Five-member teams register first online, then compete in-person at Cluster Meetings and NLC
- Teams must compete at a Cluster Meeting in order to qualify for the Championship at NLC.
  - Twelve teams earn a berth at NLC via Cluster Meeting qualifying rounds
  - Four teams earn a Second Chance “Wild Card” berth via the January Online Test

We invite FCCLA chapters to participate in state and national LifeSmarts tournaments.

Learn more about the state and national Varsity LifeSmarts tournaments, including the FCCLA TeamSmarts Challenge.

- Four- or five-person teams compete online with the chance to advance to the LifeSmarts Championship in San Diego
- Teams must complete the online qualification quizzes before their state’s online closing date
- To receive an automatic bid to the LifeSmarts National Championship, FCCLA chapters must apply for the bid by December 1st.

LifeSmarts FCCLA Chapter Awards
FCCLA chapters can win monthly chapter awards! Register your team for the monthly TeamSmarts quiz to compete against other FCCLA chapters; the top-scoring team will receive a $100 cash prize! The TeamSmarts quizzes are open each month from September – January. Learn more about TeamSmarts here.

Additional Notes
- Teams may compete in both their state’s LifeSmarts competition, the FCCLA LifeSmarts Challenge, and in the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl.
- To compete in the monthly TeamSmarts quiz, teams may register using the FCCLA competition code, or the standard LifeSmarts competition code; teams are not allowed to compete in both.
- Teams may win one TeamSmarts chapter award per year.

Please contact us with any additional questions. Best of luck in the competition this year!

START THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH LIFESMARTS
You will find some exciting new features on the website:
- A new “Word of the Day” feature on the homepage. Each day, a new word is posted with a definition and a pertinent question. This is a great way to enhance your daily lessons and an excellent starting point for teams to prepare for competition.
- An updated Coach’s Guide that provides program tips, competition details, and coaching pointers.
- From September through January, you will find exciting new resources to help you focus on the topic of the month.

RESOURCES
http://lifesmarts.org/resources/

MOST POPULAR RESOURCES
Coach’s Guide-- Comprehensive information about the LifeSmarts program
Question-of-the-Day Calendars-- Introduce concepts, launch discussion, and run competitions
ConsumerMan Videocasts-- Features a LifeSmarts topic each month
Retired Competition Questions-- Use recently-retired questions
LifeSmarts in a Box-- A teaching toolkit for educators
Visa Financial Football-- A LifeSmarts version of Visa’s “Financial Football” video game
Safety Smart-- LifeSmarts’ service project in cooperation with Underwriters Laboratories

RESOURCES BY CATEGORY – Click on for monthly questions/calendars with questions.

- Personal Finance
- Technology
- Consumer Rights & Responsibilities
- Environment
- Health & Safety
RESOURCES BY TYPE
LifeSmarts offers many classroom and team-based resources to help students master consumer content and prepare for competition.

Question of the Day Calendars
Calendars-- Introduce concepts, launch discussion, & compete

Content Vocabulary
Content Vocabulary-- Study guides to help focus instructions

Coach’s Guide
Coach’s Guide-- Great starting point for coaches

ConsumerMan Videocasts and Lessons
Videocasts and Lessons-- Features hot consumer topic/month

LifeSmarts U Lessons
LifeSmarts U-- Self-study components, lessons, activities, & slide shows

LifeSmarts U Learning Activities
Learning Activities-- Lessons/worksheets for instructors

PowerPoint Presentations
PowerPoints-- Classroom tools to highlight current consumer topics

Retired Competition Questions
Practice Questions-- Practice with recently retired questions

Tell Me the Question
Jeopardy-style Games-- Games for classroom or competition prep

Speed Smarts
Speed Smarts Activities-- Fun team learning activities featured at Nationals

Scavenger Hunt
Scavenger Hunt-- Use the GSA Consumer Action Handbook & other activities

Weekly Content Vocabulary Game
Content Vocabulary Game-- Test your LifeSmarts knowledge using this drag and drop game

Swat the Words-- Example template of vocabulary for the "Swat the Word" game

YouTube video playlists
LifeSmarts general playlist-- Includes overview videos, example competition rounds, and videocasts from ConsumerMan Herb Weisbaum

2016 Video Challenge-- Videos created by teams competing at the 2016 National LifeSmarts Championship

Infographics
6 Reasons-- Why you should compete in LifeSmarts
7 Tips-- Tips for a winning LifeSmarts team
45 Ways-- 45 ways to incorporate LifeSmarts into your classroom

Player Recruitment
Promotional Flyer-- 1-page PDF encouraging students to sign up

External Links
Personal Finance links-- Websites and reading materials
Technology links-- Websites and reading materials
Consumer Rights links-- Websites and reading materials
Health & Safety links-- Websites and reading materials
Environment links-- Websites and reading materials

Players
Welcome to LifeSmarts! We encourage you to learn it, live it! LifeSmarts is a consumer literacy competition that gives students a chance to compete and excel -- while gaining the tools they need to succeed in today's marketplace as consumers. That means being prepared to make smart financial investments and good decisions and avoid the common traps and pitfalls that many consumers encounter in the real world.

By competing in the online competition, Varsity LifeSmarts teams have the opportunity to advance to live state and national competitions. Each April, teams from around the country gather in a major city for four days of exciting competition, and a national LifeSmarts champion is crowned.

Get started today!
LifeSmarts U lessons explore current consumer topics in depth. Lessons in this virtual classroom have two components -- online modules for independent student learning, and an "unplugged" lesson for educators to use in classroom or group instruction.

SELECT A CATEGORY TO GET STARTED!

Personal Finance
Banking Services – Budgeting – Credit - Decision Making - Making Money - Let’s Talk About Money - Online Shopping

Consumer Rights & Responsibilities
Fraud Action - Fraud Awareness - Fraud Analysis - Consumer Rights

Health & Safety
Drug Facts Label - Medicine 101 - Apartment Safety

Technology
Accessibility