



Career Connection

Career Connection is a national FCCLA program that guides young people to link their options and skills for success in families, careers, and communities. Through individual, cooperative, and competitive activities, members—

- discover their strengths
- target career goals
- initiate a plan for achieving the lifestyle they desire.

Career Connection Units:

Six units focus students' activities on different aspects of career development. Students can choose a unit, then plan and carry out related projects that strengthen their awareness of skills needed for careers. Each unit includes information, related activity ideas, at least 14 specific project suggestions, three or four reproducible project tools, and more.

- **PLUG IN to Careers** — Understand work and the Career Connection Program
- **SIGN ON to the Career Connection** — Link personal interests, skills, and goals to career clusters
- **PROGRAM Career Steps** — Prepare with education, leadership, and work experience
- **LINK UP to Jobs** — Learn to find and land a job
- **ACCESS SKILLS for Career Success**— Practice being productive on the job and promotable
- **INTEGRATE Work and Life** — Manage interconnected roles in families, careers, and communities.

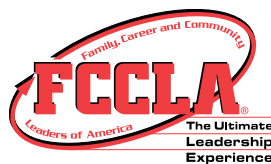
Awards:

FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete FCCLA Career Connection projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Meeting and in *Teen Times* magazine. Chapters apply for recognition for their hard work and innovative projects with the National Career Connection Program Award Application available on the FCCLA Web site under Awards/Scholarships.

- High School Award — \$1,000
- Middle School Award — \$1,000
- Runner-Up Award — \$500

Deadline: Award Applications due to FCCLA national headquarters postmarked by March 1.

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Make your Career Connection with this FCCLA program and learn how to explore career pathways and skills for success in families, careers, and communities.