



# Iowa FCCLA Official Dress Code

FCCLA is one of the career-technical student organizations sponsored by the Department of Education for the purpose of preparing youth for career success. Specifically, FCCLA prepares young males and females for the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader. Therefore, an important part of the educational experiences provided by FCCLA includes developing an understanding of appropriate behavior and dress for business meetings and functions.

**Professional Image**

FCCLA members are representing an outstanding student organization and should project the image of a leader. One of the eight purposes of FCCLA is as follows: “To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today’s society.” Demonstrating a professional image at all FCCLA sponsored activities is a requirement for participation. Thoughtful planning, extending courtesies, and acting in a professional manner will lead to a pleasant and rewarding meeting experience. Members, advisers, and guests should remember the guidelines listed below when preparing for FCCLA events.

	MALE	FEMALE
<b>Professional Attire:</b> Meetings with community or business leaders and other functions when representing FCCLA in an official capacity	Dress shirt, necktie, blazer, or suits and slacks with dress shoes and socks. No denim or flip flops. (Official state uniform for state officers).	Business dress or suit, with close-toed dress shoes and nylons. No denim or flip flops. (Official state uniform for state officers).
<b>Business Casual:</b> Conference sessions and workshops, STAR Events recognition <i>(The Board of Directors encourage members to wear the Iowa official red polo or a red polo for STAR Events, whenever possible.)</i>	Collared shirt, dress slacks or khakis, dress shoes and socks; necktie and sport coat are optional. No blue jeans. Iowa’s official red polo.	Dress, slacks, khakis, or skirt (just above knees or longer) with blouse, sweater, or collared shirt, dress shoes. No blue jeans or denim skirts. Iowa’s official red polo.
<b>Casual:</b> Travel to and from FCCLA functions when not using public forms of transportation, recreational tours, theme parks, the State Fair, and similar casual activities	Longer-length shorts (no short shorts), neat jeans, collared shirts, sweat shirts, appropriate T-shirts, and casual footwear	Longer-length shorts (no short shorts), neat jeans, collared shirts, sweat shirts, appropriate T-shirts, and casual footwear
<b>Formal Attire:</b> FCCLA conference banquet and/or gala	Dress shirt, necktie, blazer, or suits and slacks with dress shoes and socks; tuxedo is optional	Dressy dress (long or short) or pants outfit, dress shoes – no cleavage, bare midriffs, or bare backs extending below the waist
<b>Pool Attire:</b> (at national meeting or other functions when swimming is permitted)	Swim trunks; shirt & shoes must be worn to and from pool area – no Speedos	Conservative swimsuit (one-piece or moderately cut two-piece); cover and shoes must be worn to and from pool area. No skimpy bikini or thong type suits.

**Inappropriate Attire:** The following should not be worn to any FCCLA activity, including in the hotel hallways and lobby:

- Clothing and accessories which are sexually suggestive, which advertise drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, or display profanity
- See-through, tight fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, extremely short, or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses/skirts
- Pants or skirts which are worn below the hip bone; no undergarments may be showing
- Spandex, leggings, stirrup pants, leotards, short shorts, cutoffs, pajamas
- Clothing which is stained, torn, or ripped
- Bare feet

**Remember, the image of FCCLA depends on the professional behavior and appearance of its members.**