



# Community Service

The FCCLA Community Service program guides students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Through their projects, members experience character development and improve critical and creative thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation. The program—

- helps young people build skills for family, career, and community roles
- provides youth-centered learning experiences related to Family and Consumer Sciences education
- encourages young people to develop the positive character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship

In addition to local and state projects, FCCLA implements a National Outreach Project, which is carried out across the nation. The goal of this project is to have each student get actively involved in making a difference by uniting together with the National Outreach Project. FCCLA wants members to see and know first hand that even a small effort made by many can have a huge and positive impact on others.

## Partners

- America's Promise Alliance, [www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org)
- Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, [www.CMNHospitals.org](http://www.CMNHospitals.org)
- Connect America, [www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org)
- National & Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011), [www.ysa.org/nysd](http://www.ysa.org/nysd)
- Semester of Service
- The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

## Awards

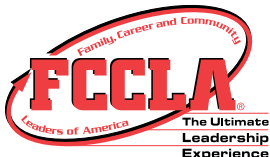
FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete the Community Service projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Conference, online, and in *Teen Times* magazine. Chapters apply online for recognition for their hard work and innovative projects with the national Community Service Program Award Application available on the FCCLA national website under Awards.

### Community Service cash awards

- High School Award — \$1,000
- Middle School Award — \$1,000
- First Runner-Up Award — \$500
- Second Runner-Up Award—\$100
- Third Runner-Up Award—\$100

**Deadline:** Award Applications must be submitted online by March 1. The online award system will automatically close March 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.

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