



# Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS)

Youth leaders can help families promote basic safety attitudes that last a lifetime. Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) is a national peer education program through which young people strive to save lives educating adults and youth about traffic safety and supporting enforcement of local rules and regulations regarding community traffic safety.

## FACTS Units

Through FACTS, FCCLA members create projects that strive to save lives through sober driving, seat belt use, safe driving habits, becoming the spokesperson for their safety, and bridging the gap between youth and adults to understand the importance of driver education and safety. Traffic safety is a family affair. Children first learn basic safety skills and attitudes in families. Crashes deeply affect families. FCCLA members can help families emphasize safety and avoid related concerns. Youth-created FACTS projects relate to the following five (5) units:

**Think SMART** — Promote attitudes and provide events that keep young people from driving when under the influence of alcohol and other drugs

**Buckle UP** — Promote the benefits and safe use of seat belts, child safety seats, booster seats, and air bags

**Arrive Alive** — Promote safe driving habits, especially for less-experienced drivers.

**Speak Up** — Promote the empowerment of teens to speak up for their safety.

**Bridge the Gap** — Promote conversation and training for parents of teens as they work together to enhance traffic safety.

## Partners

- HBO Family, [www.hbofamily.com](http://www.hbofamily.com)
- Local law enforcement, fire fighters, and medical personnel
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)
- National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS), [www.noys.org](http://www.noys.org)
- National Sleep Foundation, [www.sleepfoundation.org](http://www.sleepfoundation.org)
- Recording Artists, Actors and Athletes Against Drunk Driving (RADD), [www.radd.org](http://www.radd.org)

## Awards

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

### FACTS cash awards

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

**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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*Put the brakes on impaired driving and traffic crashes by participating in FCCLA's FACTS program. Through peer education help your friends arrive alive and lower the number one cause of death for youth in America.*