

# Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

**Unit.** Introduction to FCCLA

**Problem Area.** The Basics of Membership

**Lesson.** Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

■ **Student Learning Objectives.** Instruction in this lesson should result in students achieving the following objectives:

- 1 Explain who can be a member of FCCLA.**
- 2 Identify what the membership dues are.**
- 3 Describe the benefits of being an FCCLA member.**
- 4 Define leadership and identify opportunities for leadership with the FCCLA organization.**

■ **List of Resources.** The following resources may be useful in teaching this lesson:

Be Part of It! Video

Human Scavenger Hunt (see attached sheets)



## ■ List of Equipment, Tools, Supplies, and Facilities

- ✓ Writing surface
- ✓ Video projector or CD Rom/In-Focus projector
- ✓ Copies of the Human Scavenger Hunt

## ■ Terms. The following terms are presented in this lesson (shown in bold italics):

- ▶ FCCLA
- ▶ Member
- ▶ Dues
- ▶ Benefits
- ▶ Leadership

## ■ Interest Approach. Use an interest approach that will prepare students for the lesson. Teachers often develop approaches for their unique class and student situations. Possible approaches are included here.

*Divide your class into three groups. Have each group define one of the following words: family, careers, community. Explain that each of these words is included in the name of a student organization also known as FCCLA—Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Show the Be Part of It! Video.*

*Use VM–A and play Human Scavenger Hunt to introduce the class to FCCLA. Give each student an answer card and a Scavenger Hunt Answer Sheet. Then have them move around the room to find the person with the answer to their questions. The students should write the answers in the correct box on each other's paper.*

# SUMMARY OF CONTENT AND TEACHING STRATEGIES

**Objective 1:** Explain who can be a member of FCCLA.

**Anticipated Problem:** Define the term “member”. Who can be an FCCLA member?

- I. A **member** is a person who belongs to an organization or group.
  - A. **FCCLA** is an acronym for Family, Career and Community

*Leaders of America. It is a national career and technical student organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12.*

- B. To be a member you must have already had or be currently enrolled in a family and consumer sciences class.
- C. Membership is gained by paying an annual dues amount.
- D. FCCLA has a national membership of over 225,000 young men and women in nearly 7,000 chapters. There are 50 state associations including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

*To help students master this objective, have them explain in their own words what it means to be a member of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. You may also direct the students to the National FCCLA website at [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org).*

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**Objective 2:** Identify what the membership dues are.

**Anticipated Problem:** How much are membership dues? When do I need to pay them? Who do a pay them to?

- II. **Dues** are a fee or charge for membership in an organization or club.
  - A. Students pay dues each year to be a member of an FCCLA chapter.
  - B. Dues are currently \$ 9.00 for national membership and \$ 5.00 for state membership for a total of \$ 14.00.
  - C. Each teacher/school determines when the student's membership dues will be collected.
  - D. Each teacher/school determines who will collect the dues for their school/chapter.
  - E. Each dues paying member receives a membership card, a subscription to the national FCCLA magazine Teen Times, and the opportunity to participate in all national and state sponsored competitions and meetings.

*To help students master this objective, have them discuss other organizations that require dues for membership. Compare the value of national dues to items that cost the same amount of money.*

**Objective 3:** Describe the benefits of being an FCCLA member.

**Anticipated Problem:** What are the benefits of being a member of FCCLA?

- III. A **benefit** is an advantage.
- A. FCCLA offers members the following benefits:
1. Make new friends.
    - a. With chapters all over the country, you are part of a national network of young people.
  2. Career preparation
    - a. Through the competitive events and national programs that focus on careers members can prepare themselves for their future career.
  3. Travel opportunities
    - a. Students have the opportunity to travel within their states and across the country to various workshops and meetings.
  4. Learn how to plan and carry out projects & goals
    - a. Setting goals and carrying out projects are part of what FCCLA is all about. From Community Service projects to the competitive events, members set goals and then work hard to achieve them.
  5. Personal growth and enhanced self esteem
    - a. Individuals gain personal growth and have better self- esteem through helping others. FCCLA Community Service projects not only help the community, they help the individuals who carry them out.
  6. Positive contact between youth and adults
    - a. Although FCCLA is a youth-led organization, students have the privilege of working with adults in their schools and communities.
  7. Gain public speaking skills
    - a. Whether it is through an FCCLA public speaking competitive event or through communicating with people in a community to carry out a service project, students improve their communication skills.
  8. Scholarship awards
    - a. There are many FCCLA scholarship awards available. Check out the state and national websites for details.
  9. Leadership experience
    - a. Each member determines which benefits that they want to take advantage of.

*To help students master this objective, have them prioritize the benefits of FCCLA membership to them personally on a piece of notebook paper. Use VM–B to assist in the discussion of this topic.*

**Objective 4:** Define leadership and identify opportunities for leadership with the FCCLA organization.

**Anticipated Problem:** What is leadership? What leadership opportunities does FCCLA offer?

- IV. **Leadership** is the position or function of a leader. It is the ability to guide or direct others.
- A. FCCLA members can experience leadership by participating in projects that their chapters conduct.
    - 1. Committee chairpersons or team leaders are often used to carry out community service projects or fund raising activities.
    - 2. Committee or team members can offer personal ideas and contribute to group projects.
  - B. Students may also hold leadership offices.
    - 1. Chapter officers are elected by the members from that school. The number of chapter officers is determined by the local group.
    - 2. State associations elect their own youth officers usually during an annual meeting of the state association.
    - 3. Ten national officers (students) are elected by the voting delegates at the annual National Leadership Meeting and together make up the National Executive Council.
  - C. FCCLA Leaders should:
    - 1. have a positive attitude.
    - 2. work closely with everyone in the chapter to achieve their goals.
    - 3. respect the opinions of others.
    - 4. stay informed about what is going on within the organization.

*To help students master this objective, discuss other organizations that they are familiar with that have leadership opportunities. Have students who have held leadership roles share their experiences.*

- **Review/Summary.** Use the student learning objectives as the basis for review and summary. Have students explain the content associated with each objective. Use their responses in determining which objectives and concepts need to be re-taught.
- **Application.** Use VM–A and Be Part of It! Video to apply the information presented in the lesson.
- **Evaluation.** Evaluation should be based on student comprehension of the learning objectives. This can occur during instruction, review, or later as students apply the information. The attached sample written test can also be used.

## ■ Answers to Sample Test:

### Part One: Matching

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. d

### Part Two: Completion

1. \$ 9.00
2. 225,000
3. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
4. \$ 5.00

### Part Three: Short Answer

1. To be a member you either have to currently be enrolled in or have already taken a family & consumer sciences course.
2. Three things that you receive for paying your FCCLA dues are:
  - a. a membership card
  - b. a subscription to the national magazine Teen Times
  - c. the opportunity to participate in all national and state activities
3. Any four of the following nine can be listed:
  - a. make new friends
  - b. career preparation
  - c. travel opportunities
  - d. learn how to plan and carry out projects & goals
  - e. personal growth and enhanced self-esteem
  - f. positive contact between youth and adults
  - g. gain public speaking skills
  - h. scholarship awards
  - i. leadership experience

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## ► Part One: Matching

**Instructions:** Match the term with the correct definition.

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|-------------|---------------|
| a. member   | c. leadership |
| b. benefits | d. dues       |

- \_\_\_\_ 1. An advantage or something you receive for being a member.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. The ability to guide or direct others.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. A person who belongs to an organization or group.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. A fee or charge for membership in an organization or club.

## ► Part Two: Completion

**Instructions:** Complete the following statements.

1. The national FCCLA dues are \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
2. FCCLA has more than \_\_\_\_\_ members nationwide.
3. FCCLA is an acronym that stands for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. State FCCLA dues are \$ \_\_\_\_\_.







# FCCLA HUMAN SCAVENGER HUNT

Cut the squares below apart and give each student an answer card. They will then write their answer in the appropriate box on each scavenger hunt paper as their classmate's approach them.

FCCLA stands for: Family, Career, and Community, Leaders of America	National FCCLA Dues are: \$ 9.00	State FCCLA Dues are: \$ 5.00
FCCLA has over 225,000 members nationwide.	FCCLA has 50 state associations plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico & the Virgin Islands.	The national FCCLA magazine is called Teen Times
There are almost 7,000 FCCLA chapters in the United States.	There are 10 FCCLA National Officers.	Dues are a fee or charge that a person pays to be a member of an organization or group.
Each teacher or school determines who collects the dues.	One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is making new friends.	One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is the opportunity to travel.
One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is learning how to plan and carry out projects and goals	One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is gaining public speaking skills.	One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is the opportunity to win scholarships.

<i>How many National FCCLA officers are there?</i>	<i>What is the name of the FCCLA National magazine?</i>	<i>Name one of the benefits of being an FCCLA member.</i>
<i>How many FCCLA chapters are there in the USA?</i>	<i>Name another one of the benefits of being a member of FCCLA.</i>	<i>How much do the national FCCLA dues cost?</i>
<i>Name another benefit of being an FCCLA member.</i>	<i>How many FCCLA state associations are there?</i>	<i>Explain what a "due" is.</i>
<i>Name another benefit of being an FCCLA member.</i>	<i>How much do the state FCCLA dues cost?</i>	<i>Name another benefit of being an FCCLA member.</i>

# FCCLA BENEFITS

FCCLA offers members the following benefits:

- ◆ Make new friends.
  - With chapters all over the country, you are part of a national network of young people.
- ◆ Career preparation
  - Through the competitive events and national programs that focus on careers members can prepare themselves for their future career.
- ◆ Travel opportunities
  - Students have the opportunity to travel within their states and across the country to various workshops and meetings.
- ◆ Learn how to plan and carry out projects & goals
  - Setting goals and carrying out projects are part of what FCCLA is all about. From Community Service projects to the competitive events, members set goals and then work hard to achieve them.



## ◆ Personal growth and enhanced self esteem

- Individuals see personal growth and have better self-esteem through helping others. FCCLA Community Service projects not only help the community, they help the individuals who carry them out.

## ◆ Positive contact between youth and adults

- Although FCCLA is a youth-led organization, students have the privilege of working with adults in their schools and communities.

## ◆ Gain public speaking skills

- Whether it is through an FCCLA public speaking competitive event or through communicating with people in a community to carry out a service project, students improve their communication skills.

## ◆ Scholarship awards

- There are many FCCLA scholarship awards available. Check out the state and national websites for details.

## ◆ Leadership experience

- Each member determines which benefits they want to experience.