



Alumni and Associates Engagement in the Local Chapter

Within Nebraska alone, there are over 100,000 former FCCLA members. These are business leaders, parents, employees, volunteers, and students in your community. They have skills in interpersonal communication, teamwork, and decision making and have career experiences and they are looking for ways to get involved, give back, and continue to support FCCLA.

What are Alumni and what are Associates?

Alumni: Anyone who was a member of FHA or FCCLA. They could have graduated from a different school or even a different state.

Associates: Anyone who is interested in advancing the purposes of the organization though they were not a member of the FHA or FCCLA organization. They are involved just the same today and want to support FCCLA. These could be parents of current members, organization volunteers, and business leaders.

How do I connect with Alumni and Associates?

- Place an article in your newsletter, local newspaper or Facebook page
- Place the Alumni and Associates ad in local publications
- Ask current members to see who their parents, friends, and relatives were members

How can I engage Alumni and Associates?

- Serve as a STAR Events evaluator at the District or State Level
- Assist with officer interviews
- Review student work
- Promote chapter fundraising
- Make a financial contribution
- Promote and support with chapter service events and National Programs
- Serve as a content expert for STAR Event projects
- Assist with STAR Event work nights
- Share professional knowledge with family and consumer sciences classes
- Serve as a chaperone at events and conferences
- Provide resources for service projects/service learning opportunities

How can I recognize Alumni and Associates?

- Award Honorary Membership at the chapter level.
- Submit application for Nebraska FCCLA Honorary Membership. This award is given to those who have rendered outstanding service to the organization though their job responsibilities do not directly align with FCCLA.
- Submit application for Nebraska Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to someone whose job responsibilities directly align to FCCLA and/or family and consumer sciences.
- Provide a Certificate of Appreciation for all assistance for the year.
- Place article in newspaper and/or school newsletter and website thanking them for support.
- Hold an event (BBQ/Ice Cream Social) to thank Alumni and Associates for their support.
- Provide with gift such as Baker's Chocolate or an item from the Nebraska FCCLA store such as a pen, blanket, or license plate frame.

What else can Alumni and Associates do?

- Join the Nebraska Alumni and Associates to stay connected at the State level. Those interested can visit <http://www.nebraskafccla.org/support-fccla/alumni-associates/> to join.
- Advocate for FCCLA and family and consumer sciences in the school, community, and state and national legislators.
- Brainstorm with other Alumni and Associates to find ways to strengthen and grow FCCLA.
- Connect with other Alumni and Associates to build personal and professional networks.