

Nebraska FCCLA Scholarship Policies and Application for Non-Family and Consumer Sciences Education Major

The purpose of this scholarship program shall be:

1. To develop interest in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.
2. To increase the number of secondary Family and Consumer Sciences teachers.
3. To increase the potential for additional FCCLA chapters.

I. Guidelines/Regulations

1. The Nebraska Association of FCCLA shall award two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each to outstanding FCCLA members planning to enroll in a four-year accredited college or university with a major in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Should only one scholarship be awarded, the entire \$2000 will be awarded to one applicant.
2. The recipient must enroll in a college or university and begin using the scholarship within six months after graduation from high school. If enrollment does not take place within this time, the recipient will no longer be eligible for this award.
3. Alternate recipients:
 - a) Should the recipient forfeit the initial acceptance of the scholarship, the State Adviser shall contact an alternate candidate to receive the scholarship under the existing regulations. The applicant shall immediately notify the State Adviser in writing and decline the scholarship.
 - b) Should the applicant withdraw from college during or after the first year, the remainder of the award shall be available to a scholarship alternate for that particular year. The applicant shall immediately inform the State Adviser in writing of this change.
4. Upon written verification of the recipient's enrollment in a college or university, the amount awarded will be divided by 4. The total will then be divided by 2 and will be disbursed in that amount per semester to the college/university Registrar or Financial Officer to total between \$250 and \$500 annually. Proportionate sums may be paid for summer sessions, but the scholarship total may not exceed \$2000. Such requests must be made in written form to the State Adviser who will make the final decision. The scholarship shall be used for tuition first by the college or university and then may be used for other college-related expenses.
5. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student at the accredited college/university of their choice. A minimum course load of 12 credit hours per semester must be carried to maintain eligibility.
6. Continuation of the scholarship over the four-year period is dependent upon the recipient maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher each year.
7. At the end of each year, a confirmation notice will be sent to all scholarship recipients to verify the recipient's eligibility status. Upon receiving the applicant's acceptance notice for the ensuing semester, the next portion of the scholarship funds shall be disbursed to the college/university's Registrar or Financial Officer. This procedure will continue up to a total of four years or as long as the recipient continues to meet the requirements.
8. The recipient(s) shall be announced before the annual FCCLA State Leadership Conference. The recipient(s) do not have to be present to accept the award.

II. Qualifications

1. The applicant shall be a member of an affiliated chapter of the Nebraska Association of FCCLA and shall have been such a member for at least one membership year.
2. The applicant shall have actively participated in his/her own chapter.
3. The applicant shall have been enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences classes for at least one semester or the equivalent of one semester.
4. The applicant shall be a senior in an accredited high school expecting to graduate at the end of the school year and shall have maintained an 85% cumulative average during high school. (3.4 on a 4.0 scale)
5. The applicant shall be planning to major in Family and Consumer Sciences Education (as preparation for teaching Family and Consumer Sciences courses at the middle/secondary school level) in an accredited four-year college or university offering a major in this area.
6. The applicant will be required to include the following supporting materials **with** their application:

- a) Recommendation by an officer of local chapter (must be sealed individually).
 - b) Recommendation by Family and Consumer Sciences teacher/chapter adviser (must be sealed individually). (Note: if this is the candidate's parent/guardian, it should be written by another teacher who can speak to the candidate's FCCLA participation.
 - c) Recommendation by a school administrator (must be sealed individually).
 - d) High school transcript.
7. The applicant's adviser should get all of the sealed information, application and transcript and submit on behalf of the applicant. (Note: If the applicant's adviser is the applicant's parent/guardian, this should be completed by another representative from the school.)
 8. Representatives of the District Advisory Committee and State Officer Team shall serve as the Scholarship Committee and shall name the recipient(s).
 9. The scholarship recipient shall keep the State Adviser informed regarding any changes in major, academic and enrollment status.

III. Rules For Applying

1. The applicant shall acquire a scholarship application online. All application and supporting materials must be scanned as a single document attachment and emailed to the current Board of Directors Chair by February 1. This information can be found in the current *Red Handbook*.
2. The applicant may choose any accredited four-year college or university that offers a major in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and qualified its graduates for a teaching certificate valid for teaching Family and Consumer Sciences courses. The applicant shall not transfer from his/her chosen school except to one meeting like qualifications.
3. Any FCCLA chapter member in good standing of the Nebraska Association of FCCLA who meets the stated qualifications, may apply regardless of financial standing.

IV. Special Consideration

1. In completing the application form, applicants are encouraged to reflect upon their personal FCCLA leadership and growth experiences, participation in STAR, achievements in Power of One, contributions to the community, and involvement in other state/national programs.

**Nebraska FCCLA Scholarship Application
for Family and Consumer Sciences Education Major**

Part I--Personal Information

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Name of Parents/Guardians: _____

of years (including 1/2 years) of Family and Consumer Sciences instruction completed: _____

of years of active membership in FCCLA: _____ Grade FCCLA membership was first available: _____

Part II--Academic Information (to be completed by school counselor)

Graduating Class Size: _____ Your Class Rank: _____ / _____ Scholastic Average by Percent: _____

Test Scores

ACT Score -- Composite: _____ SAT Scores -- Verbal: _____ Math: _____

Other (describe and include score): _____

Part III--Future Plans

Which accredited 4-year college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Explain why you have chosen a career in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Part IV--Leadership and Involvement

List, in order of importance, major leadership positions/responsibilities you have assumed in FCCLA at the local, district, state, and national level.

List, in order of importance, major FCCLA awards or special accomplishments you have achieved.

List, in order of importance, other school and community activities in which you have been active. Include any awards/recognition received as part of these activities.

Cite two examples of how others have benefited significantly from your FCCLA leadership and involvement.

Part V--Statement of FCCLA Adviser and Guidance Counselor

I have examined this application and find the record true, complete, and accurate.

Signature of FCCLA Adviser

Name of FCCLA Adviser

Date

Signature of Guidance Counselor

Name of Guidance Counselor

Date

Part VI--Statement of Applicant and Parent/Guardian

I hereby certify that:

1. The information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate.
2. I have read and understand the rules governing the scholarship
3. I will abide by the rules governing the scholarship
4. If I fail to fulfill the rules governing the scholarship, I will repay the scholarship on the same terms it was disbursed. Repayment will begin within 60 days following certified notification of non-eligibility or scholarship forfeiture.

Signature of Applicant

Name of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

This application, letters of recommendation (one from local chapter member/officer, 1 from FACS teacher/FCCLA Adviser, and one from school administrator) and high school transcripts must be collected and emailed by the applicant's adviser by **February 1** to the current **Nebraska FCCLA Board of Directors Chair**. This information can be found in the *Red Handbook*. Applications sent to the State Adviser will not be accepted.