

# STAR Events



## Students Taking Action with Recognition

STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) are competitive events in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. STAR Events offer individual skill development and application of learning through the following activities—

- **Cooperative**—teams work to accomplish specific goals
- **Individualized**—members work alone to accomplish specific goals
- **Competitive**—individual or team performance measured by an established set of criteria.

### Competitive Events offered at Region Level in SD:

- ✓ Professional Presentation - Unlimited number entries/category.
- ✓ Knowledge Bowl – Junior Level (through 9<sup>th</sup> grade) and Senior Level (grades 10-12)

### STAR Events offered at State Level in SD: All events offered at national level; see list below.

- ✓ For State Leadership Conference competition, each chapter may submit **2 entries per category** (Level 1 [Members through 8<sup>th</sup> grade], Level 2 [Grades 9-10], Level 3 [Grades 11-12]) for all STAR Events only one entry in Chapter in Review Display and one entry in Chapter in Review Portfolio per category.
- ✓ No projects can be entered in more than one category of a single event, or in more than one event. However, projects entered in any event may be included in the Chapter in Review events.
- ✓ Specific FCS course requirements for all STAR Events have been dropped for the 2024-2025 school year. Check eligibility of participants and membership affiliation category before registering for event.
- ✓ Project Summary Form link is in the FCCLA Portal under the survey tab.

### List of STAR Events Currently Offered at State and National Level – Changes Bolded

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Baking and Pastry – Level 3 – Individual Event</li> <li>■ Career Investigation – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual Event</li> <li>■ Chapter in Review Display – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Chapter in Review Portfolio – Level 1, 2, 3 - Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Chapter Service Project Display–Level 1, 2, 3–Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Chapter Service Project Portfolio–Level 1, 2, 3–Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Culinary Arts – Level 3 – Individual <b>OR Team Event</b></li> <li>■ Early Childhood Education – Level 2, 3 – Individual Event</li> <li>■ Entrepreneurship – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Event Management – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Fashion Construction – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual Event</li> <li>■ Fashion Design - Level 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Focus on Children – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Food Innovations – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Hospitality, Tourism, &amp; Recreation–Level 1, 2, 3–Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Interior Design–Level 1, 2, 3 - Individual or Team Event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Interpersonal Communications – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Job Interview – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual Event</li> <li>■ Leadership – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual Event</li> <li>■ National Programs in Action – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Nutrition &amp; Wellness – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Parliamentary Procedure – Level 1, 2, 3 – Team Event</li> <li>■ <b>Personal Finance - Level 1, 2, 3 - Individual Event (New 2024-25)</b></li> <li>■ Professional Presentation – Level 1, 2, 3–Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Promote and Publicize FCCLA – Level 1, 2, 3–Individual or Team</li> <li>■ Public Policy Advocate – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Repurpose and Redesign– Level 1, 2, 3 –Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Say Yes to FCS Education – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual Event</li> <li>■ Sports Nutrition – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ Sustainability Challenge – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event</li> <li>■ <b>Teaching Strategies – Level 2, 3 – Individual Event</b></li> <li>■ Teach or Train – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual Event</li> </ul>
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### Online STAR Events

- Digital Stories for Change – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event
- FCCLA Chapter Website – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event (Chapters may only choose one level for competition.)
- Instructional Video Design (New 2019-2020) – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual or Team Event
- Red Talks on Education (New 2023-2024) – Level 1, 2, 3 – Individual Event

## Event Information

An *individual event* is one completed by an individual. A *team event* is one that is completed by *team* members, with the exception of Chapter Service Project, Chapter in Review, and Promote and Publicize FCCLA, which reflect the efforts of other chapter members. The definition of a “team event” is an event that can be completed by an entire chapter but may be presented by a *team* of one, two, or three members.

## Check STAR Event Rules/Rubrics for Scaffolding

Check STAR Event rules and rubrics to make sure members have correct level of guidelines and rubric for his/her event. Events are scaffolded so Level 1 has fewer requirements and a different judging rubric than Level 2 and Level 3. **Be sure to check each level of STAR Event guidelines to see if participant needs to be aware of different rubrics at each level of competition. Make sure members use the correct RULES/RUBRIC level for the event they are competing in.**

## Competitive Events Guide

The Competitive Events Guide was split into five separate documents, due to the increasing page length as a result of the scaffolding of STAR Events. The available sections are the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Guidelines, the FCCLA/Knowledge Matters Virtual Business Challenge Guidelines, Skill Demonstration Events, FCCLA Challenge Testing – presented by G-W Publisher, and STAR Events Guidelines, and are available to State Advisers, Chapter Advisers, and students through the FCCLA Portal.

NOTE: Be sure to have members review the correct Level (1-3) of rubric to design their competitive event from.

Check Competitive Event Chart handout to see what events each category can compete in. If a member competes with a partner in a higher-level category, the team will compete in the higher-level category. Level 1 or 2 students cannot compete in events for Level 3 only.

## Checklist for Participants

- ☐ 1. Ensure that your chapter, state, and **national** dues are paid by the deadline dates. (Must have paid affiliation dues before register.)
- ☐ 2. Choose an event. (Take STAR Events interest quiz for assistance- <https://fcclainc.org/compete/competitive-events/star-events>)
- ☐ 3. Read through the guidelines and rules carefully.
- ☐ 4. Check Policies, Eligibility and General Rules in addition to your event Guidelines.
- ☐ 5. Obtain current STAR Events *resources* (if applicable) such as menus, scenarios, or templates at. <http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php>  
Some resources may be only available through the FCCLA Portal (ask your adviser for assistance).
- ☐ 6. Complete all parts of the project (Oral Presentation, *Portfolio*, *Display*, etc.).
- ☐ 7. Be sure to read the glossary for clarification of *italicized words*.
- ☐ 8. Look over your event's rubric and Point Summary Form, and double check that you have covered all required elements.
- ☐ 9. Go through all rules again with your adviser, to make sure you have completed everything that is required correctly.
- ☐ 10. Practice going through your STAR Event many times to assure precision and quality. Have someone critique your materials and your performance, and consider incorporating their suggestions.

## EVENT DESCRIPTION AND CATEGORIES

Individual events evaluate one member's performance. Team events evaluate several participants' or a chapter's performance as one entry. Team events may have one, two, or three participants from the same chapter, and Parliamentary Procedure, which may have four to eight participants from the same chapter.

**NOTE: Culinary Arts, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Nutrition & Wellness, and Repurpose & Redesign STAR Events are "Individual OR Team" events. Baking and Pastry Event is an "individual" event.**

An event category is determined by the participant's current grade in school during the school year preceding the National Leadership Conference. Any change in membership status must be reported by the May 31 affiliation deadline.

Event categories are defined as:

- Level 1—FCCLA chapter members through grade 8
- Level 2—FCCLA chapter members in grades 9-10
- Level 3—FCCLA chapter members in grades 11-12
- A team composed of members of two levels (example – Level 1 and Level 2) must enter and compete in the category of the highest-level competitor. They will be registered as Level 0 – Competing at Level \_\_\_\_ (highest level competitor).

Link to see what STAR Event is for you? QUIZ <https://fcclainc.org/compete/star-events>. Scroll down to quiz link.

## MEMBERSHIP

A student is not considered an affiliated FCCLA member at any level (local, state, and/or national) until all membership dues are received at national headquarters. Only affiliated members are eligible to compete in any level of STAR Events. South Dakota does not allow members to participate in regional or state events unless national membership is verified. Note: South Dakota's membership deadline for state meeting competition is SLC registration closing date.

Participants must compete in the same membership category (Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3) as indicated in the membership affiliation system. Membership transfers may be needed for participants transferring chapters or were affiliated incorrectly. To change membership status within the affiliation system, please contact South Dakota State Adviser.

In addition to membership deadlines are STAR Events registration deadlines. Please ensure that all registrations are submitted in a timely manner to avoid disqualification or late fees at the regional, state, and national levels.

# Eligibility and General Rules for All Levels of Competition

1. An individual member may participate in only one national STAR Event in any given year unless a student participated at the region level and completes a different STAR Event to compete at the State Leadership Conference. Participation is open to any nationally affiliated FCCLA chapter member. Events may have additional eligibility requirements. If a member wins the top state award, the member(s) may not compete in same event/category the following year. If they fall into a different event category (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3), they may compete in a new event category with a different project. (SD FCCLA BOD Policy & Procedures Manual – Part II - Section 5 -11D)
2. Participants must follow national rules for competition, or risk possible disqualification or loss of points.
3. All STAR Events projects must be developed and completed during a one-year span beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the school year before the National Leadership Conference.
4. All STAR Events projects must be planned and prepared by the participant(s) only. Supporting resources are acceptable as long as participants are coordinating their use and resources are cited appropriately verbally and/or in print during the presentation to avoid false credit for unoriginal or non- participant work. Participants are encouraged to use original materials, items licensed for reuse, or items in which copyright permission has been granted.
5. State and chapter advisers will ensure that identical presentations of the same project are not entered into STAR Events multiple years.
6. Participants are not allowed to distribute any materials to the evaluators unless the event rules specifically allow it. Evaluators are not allowed to keep any items given to them by STAR Events participants.
7. No projects can be entered in more than one category of a single event, or in more than one event. However, projects entered into any event may be included in the Chapter in Review events.

## **Per South Dakota FCCLA Policies and Procedures-Part II- Page 7**

- a. Any student winning an event (individual or as a member of a team) cannot enter the same event in subsequent years if they are in the same category. [Category refers to competition levels – bylaws & policies/procedures are being updated this year. Members can compete with a **different project** at a different level.]
- b. Chapter advisers should ensure that identical presentations of the same project are not entered into STAR Events multiple years. [NOTE- Advisers need to ensure that identical presentations of the same STAR Event are NOT presented at different levels during the same year. There have been identical presentations/manuals that have been questioned the past two years at state meeting. We do not want to disqualify students because they are using a past, winning example from other chapter members and so several levels have the exact same wording except for a few words. They can review an example, but it needs to be their own project/words.]

## **Per 2024-2025 National STAR Events Manual – page 7:**

6. State and chapter advisers should ensure that identical presentations of the same project are not entered into STAR Events in one year or multiple years.
8. No projects can be entered in more than one level of a single event or in more than one event. However, projects entered in any event may be included in the Chapter in Review events.
9. Chapters are allowed to enter only one entry in Chapter in Review Display and one entry in Chapter in Review Portfolio per level.

**NOTE: RECOMMEND 1 CHAPTER IN REVIEW DISPLAY OR CHAPTER IN REVIEW PORTFOLIO PER CHAPTER OR EXTRA TIME REVIEWING DIFFERENT LEVELS COMPETING IN SAME EVENT SO THERE IS NO EXACT DUPLICATION OF WRITTEN COPY OR PHOTOS.**

10. Chapters are allowed to enter only one entry in FCCLA Chapter Website.

8. Chapters are allowed to enter only one entry in Chapter in Review Display and one entry in Chapter in Review Portfolio per category.  
**NOTE: Category refers to STAR Event Competition Levels 1, 2, and 3.**
9. Spectators are not allowed to observe any portion of any STAR Event. Videotaping and/ or audio recording of events is not allowed.
10. Participants are to maintain a professional appearance and attitude during all STAR Events activities.
11. Participants are responsible for their own event materials, and may not have others assist them with event setup, including moving items into the competition area. Any items left behind are not the responsibility of FCCLA and may be discarded.
12. STAR Events resources (topics, scenarios, templates, etc.) can be found online at <http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php>.
13. For Fashion Construction, Fashion Design, and Recycle and Redesign events lingerie and swimsuits are not allowed. Clothing that does not meet acceptable standards of modesty/appropriateness for a school function or setting is prohibited.
14. If a participant fails to adhere to event guidelines or event definition, or prepares an item not based on the current event scenario, then the sample/display/project is ineligible for evaluation. The participant will still be able to compete with an oral presentation if they choose to do so, and will only be scored on the oral presentation.
15. Participants may present in front, behind, or beside the designated table or space. Participants may not place items on the consultant or evaluator tables.

16. All materials on displays must be placed on a clearly defined presentation surface. Displays with a clearly defined front presentation surface (such as tri-fold boards) may not have items on the back of the board, as consultants/evaluators would not be expected to look behind a display for project components. Displays with multiple presentation sides may have materials on all clearly defined presentation surfaces. All materials must be easily viewed, accessible, and legible.

### **STAR Event Information Packets - File Folders – Portfolios**

PLEASE NOTE: For all paper work - file folders, portfolios, and manuals required for each STAR Event, please follow guidelines found in the National *Competitive Events Manual*. When completing the File Folder Label and Project Identification Page, please follow instructions as printed in the National *Competitive Events Manual*. Participants at the state level will not complete the online orientation and will not turn in the online orientation verification form to Room Consultant at time of presentation.

Participants in STAR Events are to turn in their file folders and/or portfolios to the Room Consultants at the time indicated prior to their scheduled event time. Please consult each event schedule for additional information for set up times. Failure to follow set up times for Focus on Children - Display, Chapter Service Project - Manual and Display, and Chapter in Review - Manual and Display may lead to disqualification. Participants are to pick up their displays for these three events by designated time. The state association will not be responsible for the displays if they are not picked up on time. Participants are responsible to wait after their presentation to pick up their manual and/or presentation display.

### **STAR Events Requiring a Portfolio Requirement**

Participants are required to turn in their portfolios to the event room consultant at the time listed on the schedule. The portfolio/binder will be required at the region/state meeting as required in the national guidelines for these events. The official FCCLA binder may be white or red in color with FCCLA written on the spine section of the cover. The 3-ring binders purchased through E-Group will be the only binders allowed for the events. All materials, including the *content divider pages* must fit within the cover, be one-sided, and may not exceed specified number of pages for event. **Divider page tabs may extend up to 1" outside the cover.**

### **STAR Event Recognition Information**

The recognition for the STAR Events at the region meeting/state leadership conference will be done by chapters/regions. The president or voting delegate from each chapter will announce the ratings of the chapter participants. Please do not allow anyone to leave the recognition session until it is over.

### **State Meeting STAR Event Run-Offs**

STAR Event Run-Offs are held at the State Leadership Conference so that the STAR Event participants receiving top superiors may present their project an additional time to a new set of evaluators. Top score from each STAR Event section will move on to compete in run-offs. If there is only one section of a STAR Event, there will be no run-off unless there is a tie in the event room. The names of the individuals will be posted at the Ramkota Hotel/Convention Center near the FCCLA Headquarters area.

STAR Event Run-Off participants are to report to the FCCLA Headquarters' Room to be assigned a time and location to participate in Run-Offs. File folder information packets will be presented to the Room Consultant at the scheduled Run-Off time. The folder will be given to the evaluators prior to the presentation. It is the responsibility of the participant to watch for run-off announcements and information. STAR Event participants are required to go through run-offs, unless there is only one section of the STAR Event category with no tie, to be considered for advancement to the national level.

Categories that will advance on to the national level are listed in the National *STAR Events Guidelines*.

### **Top Superior Recognition - STAR Procession**

Recognition of STAR Event participants during the Tuesday morning General Session will be as follows:

Professional Presentation - only the students who have been called back as "top superiors" and participated in a run-off will participate in the STAR procession.

Other STAR Events - Participants in all other STAR Events who received a "superior" rating will participate in the STAR procession.

### **STAR Event National Meeting Participants**

The South Dakota FCCLA Association pays STAR Event Registration for the first-place participants that advance to the National FCCLA Leadership Conference. It is very IMPORTANT that advisers and students understand that only minimal funding is provided and it does not cover the total cost of attending the national leadership conference. The amount of money provided from the state association for each participant representing South Dakota FCCLA in STAR Events will receive the same amount of grant money which will be \$55.00 (cost of STAR Event registration fee). If the membership dues for the students who are to participate at the national level were not submitted prior to March 1, 2025, the National Policy will be implemented that allows you to pay a \$100 processing fee for the STAR Event registration plus State and National dues. The chapter and/or student will need to pay all dues and processing fees. Participants all need to follow STAR Event Category rules in order to be recognized as a top superior and be eligible for national participation.

Immediately following the Tuesday, Third General Session at the State Leadership Conference, a meeting will be held for all STAR Event National Meeting Conference participants. At this meeting, information will be provided regarding the National Leadership Conference, registration forms, expenses, etc. This meeting is mandatory for all national STAR Event participants. Before leaving the state meeting, all STAR Event participants will need to complete the appropriate information forms distributed at the Tuesday morning meeting. Forms will be used to process events for the national conference. **PLEASE NOTE: Please have the discussion with parents for approval to attend NLC before you leave for state meeting so you will know if they advance to NLC, they are able to attend. You will need to have paperwork done within 1 1/2 weeks after state meeting to avoid increased registration costs.**

Arrangements for registration and lodging at the national conference are the responsibility of the local chapter adviser. All STAR Event participants, officer candidates, state officers, etc. are required to stay with the delegation in an official FCCLA designated hotel. Those wishing to stay at a hotel that is not on the official FCCLA hotel list, will not be allowed to participate in STAR Events and will not receive funding from the state association. There will be an additional registration fee charged per person not staying in one of the official NLC hotels. STAR Event participants and their advisers are responsible for scheduling transportation to the National Leadership Conference.

### **NLC Online STAR Event Orientation Sessions**

All entries will receive 1 point for submitting the Online STAR Event Orientation form completed after viewing event orientation session video, posted on the national FCCLA website. During the presentation the STAR Events schedule, participant's responsibilities, general event schedule and evaluation procedure will be reviewed. Each entry (individual or team) must complete and submit the Online STAR Events Orientation form to the event room consultant at the time of competition. Only one form per entry (team or participant) is required. NLC participants Online Orientation forms are due in the Student Portal by the deadline outlined on the FCCLA website. All rules apply even if the participant decides not to complete the orientation session. FCCLA does not assume responsibility for any problems resulting from participants who choose not to complete and document their participation.

### **Supplies, Equipment and Electrical Access**

Participants must bring all needed supplies with them to competition. Supplies will not be available from the National Leadership Conference Headquarters or Competitive Events Headquarters.

Access to an electrical outlet will not be provided unless required for a participant classified under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This request must be made during the national STAR Events registration process. Participants are encouraged to bring fully charged devices such as laptops, tablets, etc., to use for presentations, as allowed per event guidelines.

Planning Process Description and Template on next 2 pages, followed by the ***"Changes in the 2024-2025 Competitive Event Guidelines"*** document distributed by the National Office.

# The FCCLA Planning Process for Individual and Team Action

The *Planning Process* is a decision-making tool that supports the organization's overall philosophy about youth-centered leadership and personal growth. It can be used to determine group action in a chapter or class or to plan individual projects.

Go to <http://fcclainc.org/programs/resources.php> to download a blank FCCLA Planning Process template. This template may be modified, but all headings must be used, in the correct order. The FCCLA logo, STAR Events logo, and Planning Process graphics are encouraged but not required.

## IDENTIFY CONCERNS

The circle represents a continuous flow of ideas and has no beginning or end. As a target, it symbolizes zeroing in on the one idea around which you would like to build a project.

- Brainstorm to generate ideas, or state the activity or problem you want to address if already determined.
- Evaluate your list and narrow it down to a workable idea or project that interests and concerns the majority or all of your members.

## SET A GOAL

The arrow stands for deciding which direction you will take. It points toward the goal or end result.

- Get a clear mental picture of what you want to accomplish, and write your ideas down as your goal.
- Make sure your goal is one that can be achieved and evaluated.
- Consider resources available to you.

## FORM A PLAN

The square represents the coming together of ideas—the who, what, where, when, and how of your plan.

- Decide what needs to be done to reach your goal.
- Figure out the who, what, where, when, and how.
- List the abilities, skills, and knowledge required on your part.
- List other available resources, such as people, places, publications, and funds.
- Make a workable timetable to keep track of your progress.
- List possible barriers you might face, and develop plans if necessary.
- Decide ways to recognize your accomplishments along the way.

## ACT

The different squares in this symbol represent the activities to be carried out to meet your goal. It represents acting on the plan.

- Carry out your group or individual plan.
- Use *family* and *community* members, advisers, committees, task forces, and advisory groups when needed.

## FOLLOW UP

The broken squares suggest examining the project piece by piece. This symbol also represents a “window” through which to review and evaluate the plan.

- Determine if your goal was met.
- List ways you would improve your project or plan for future reference.
- Share and publicize your efforts with others, including the media if appropriate.
- Recognize members and thank people involved with your project.

Planning Process Template on next page.



# FCCLA Planning Process Summary Page Template



*(This template may be modified, but all headings must be used in the correct order.)*

*The FCCLA logo, STAR Events logo, and Planning Process graphics are encouraged but not required.)*

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## IDENTIFY CONCERNS



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## SET A GOAL



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## FORM A PLAN (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW, COST, RESOURCES, AND EVALUATION)



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## ACT



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## FOLLOW UP







## Changes in the 2024-2025 Competitive Event Guidelines

The following is a listing of the changes in the 2024-2025 Competitive Events Guides. It is in no way inclusive and participants and advisers should continue to **read the event rules carefully** to ensure eligibility and successful event completion and presentation.

**The Competitive Events Guide is divided into five different documents. The documents are available to members and advisers through the FCCLA Adviser under the “Resources” tab**

- FCCLA Knowledge Matters Virtual Business Challenge Guidelines
- FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Guidelines
- Skill Demonstration Events Guidelines
- FCCLA Challenge Testing, presented by G-W Publisher
- STAR Events Guidelines

These resources, provided for members and developed with funds from membership dues, are available to advisers and members through the FCCLA Adviser Portal.

## STAR Events

### New STAR Events

**Personal Finance, presented by EVERFI** - An individual event that challenges students to apply Family and Consumer Sciences and financial literacy knowledge from EVERFI to real-life scenarios. Participants will set financial goals, create budgets, track spending, and adjust plans based on their experience and insights gained from EVERFI’s educational digital lessons. This event was originally scheduled to pilot to select states for 2024-2025, but is now open to all states this year.

**Teaching Strategies** - An individual event recognizing participant(s) who exhibit knowledge, expertise and competency in incorporating research-based teaching strategies into an original Lesson Plan Activity for any grade level and content area. Participant(s) must prepare a portfolio and a resource container to justify their teaching strategy selections through an in-person role-play where the participant acts as the teacher and the evaluator acts as the student. This event was piloted by a select few states in 2023-2024 (Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma) and is now open to all states in 2024-2025.

### General Changes

**New Look** – The guideline templates have been updated to reflect FCCLA’s official branding colors which are showcased in the FCCLA Portal and on the FCCLA website. The guidelines are available in the FCCLA Portal and have been separated out by the Introduction pages, Events, and the Glossary.

**Disqualification**- The term “**disqualification**” has been newly added to the STAR Events glossary and has been defined to enhance clarity and ensure consistent understanding.

**Disqualification & Penalties**- The policy regarding late arrivals to STAR Events participants scheduled competition time has been clarified. Participants arriving more than 15 minutes after their scheduled start time will still be allowed to compete but **will not** be eligible for placement in the Top 10 or selection as a Top 3 finalist.

**Dress Code** – More specific language was added (with the exception of Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts), **the dress code graphic in the guidelines lists neckwear options. Participants should use discretion when wearing other types of neckwear, including necklaces, lanyards, and pins to avoid distractions or fidgeting that could result in point deductions.**

**Evaluators**-The responsibilities of Evaluators have been updated to define evaluation teams for STAR Events at NLC. Evaluators may include Subject Matter Experts (Advisers), Business and Industry, and Community Members (adults), and students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade and higher. \*When necessary, 11<sup>th</sup> grade students can be assigned to judge Level 1 and 2 participants.



**Canvas Shoes**-The dress code guidelines for Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts events have been updated to emphasize that canvas shoes are not permitted. The phrase “**canvas shoes are not suitable**” has been bolded to clearly indicate that such footwear is not acceptable for these events

**Dates and Deadlines** – For the third consecutive year, confirming STAR Event participation is required and counts as one point on the STAR Events rubrics. **Chapter Advisers must confirm their participants and schedules by the specified deadline, as detailed under the Compete section of the FCCLA website in the Dates and Deadlines section.**

**STAR Events Registration Fees**-Baking and Pastry Culinary Arts participants **will not** be able to register for National STAR Events beyond the regular deadline dates posted on the FCCLA Website.

**STAR Events Volunteers**-The Assistant Lead Consultant has been added back into the STAR Events Guidelines as a volunteer type for National Leadership Conference. This position is necessary in order to assist our STAR Events Leads with management responsibilities.

### Competing in Multiple Competitive Events

- **National Leadership Conference:**
  - During the National Leadership Conference, participants are permitted to take part in one (1) STAR Event OR FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl in addition, members can compete in one (1) Skill Demonstration Event and up to ten (10) Challenge Test. However, please note that National FCCLA will not accept any schedule requests or accommodations. It is solely the responsibility of the Chapter Adviser and the participant to coordinate and choose a Skill Demonstration Event/Online Challenge Test that occurs on a different day than their STAR Event/Knowledge Bowl.

### Event Specific Changes

#### Baking and Pastry & Culinary Arts –

- FCCLA is excited to have Chef Jason Avelson, CCC, CCE, CCA, returning as our Culinary Consultant. He comes with a wealth of knowledge, experience, and a passion for helping students grow and learn. In his role, Chef Avelson will spearhead the creation of recipes, compile equipment lists, provide training to skilled evaluators, and address any questions from chapter members and advisers. Any questions regarding Baking and Pastry or Culinary Arts can be directed to [culinary@fcclainc.org](mailto:culinary@fcclainc.org).
- Please note (as mentioned under STAR Events Registrations) that **Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts participants can no longer register to compete beyond the regular STAR Events Registration deadline date.** Please refer to the deadline dates under the Compete, Dates and Deadlines, section of the FCCLA Website. Onsite registrations will NOT be permitted.

## Skill Demonstration Events/Knowledge Bowl/Challenge Tests

**FCCLA Challenge Tests, presented by G-W Publisher**-Challenge Tests are now being offered online this Fall. Please refer to the Challenge Test Guidelines posted in the FCCLA Portal.

- The Challenge Tests being offered have been updated to align with G-W Publisher’s curriculum.

**LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl**- We have **expanded the numbers of teams that can qualify for the National Leadership Conference.** Instead of the 16 teams that could qualify last year, **40 teams** will now have the opportunity to advance to the NLC.

**Skill Demonstration Events**-Please take note of the SDE’s being offered this year at NLC. The SDE’s are on a rotating basis. Please refer to the event guidelines posted in the FCCLA Portal.

**Please read the 2024 – 2025 event rules carefully to ensure eligibility and receive the highest possible points.**

For additional clarification of any of the rules in any of the Competitive Events Guides, please email [competitiveevents@fcclainc.org](mailto:competitiveevents@fcclainc.org)