



# lesson plan

## Introduction to FCCLA

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### 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:

Membership video (included on the Membership CD)

Human Scavenger Hunt

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

Writing surface

Video projector or CD/LCD 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

### Introduction/Interest Approach:

Use an interest approach that will prepare students for the lesson. Teachers often develop approaches for their unique class and student situations. A possible approach is included in this lesson plan.

Divide your class into three groups. Have each group define one of the following words: family, careers, and community. Explain that each of these words is included in the name of a student organization also known as Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Show the Membership video.

Use the Human Scavenger Hunt activity 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 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 (CTSO) for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education, or as determined by the state department of education, in public and private school through grade 12.
  - B. Membership is gained by paying an annual dues amount.
  - C. FCCLA has a national membership of over 219,000 young men and women in more than 6,500 chapters. There are 50 state associations including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

## OBJECTIVE #2

Identify what the membership dues are.

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

II. **Dues** are a fee or charge for membership in an organization or group.

- A. Students pay dues each year to be a member of an FCCLA chapter.
- B. Dues are currently \$ 9.00 for national membership. Visit the FCCLA website or contact your state association to find out what your state dues are.  
\$9.00 + State Dues = Total Affiliation Fee
- 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 FCCLA national magazine *Teen Times*, and the opportunity to participate in all national and state sponsored competitions and meetings.

## 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. New friends — With chapters all over the country, you are part of a national network of young people.
  2. Career preparation—Through the competitive events and national programs that focus on careers members can prepare themselves for their future career.
  3. Travel opportunities—Students have the opportunity to travel within their states and across the country to various workshops and meetings.

4. Projects and 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.
  5. Personal growth and enhanced self-esteem—Individuals see personal growth and have better self-esteem through helping others. Community Service projects not only help the community, they help the individuals who carry them out.
  6. 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.
  7. 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.
  8. Scholarship awards — There are many FCCLA scholarship awards available. Check out the state and national websites for details.
  9. Leadership experiences—Members have the opportunity to run for various offices.
- B. Each member determines which benefits that they want to take advantage of.

## 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 fundraising 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 Conference 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.

### 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 the Human Scavenger Hunt and Membership 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

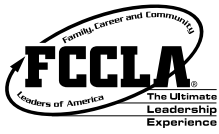
1. b
2. c
3. a
4. d

### Part Two: Completion

1. \$ 9.00
2. 219,000
3. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
4. (Contact your state association to find out dues.)

### 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, or as determined by the state department of education.
2. a. a subscription to the national magazine *Teen Times*  
b. the opportunity to participate in all national and state activities
3. Any four of the following nine can be listed:
  - a. new friends
  - b. career preparation
  - c. travel opportunities
  - d. projects and goals
  - e. personal growth and enhanced self-esteem
  - f. positive contact between youth and adults
  - g. public speaking skills
  - h. scholarship awards
  - i. leadership experiences



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Test: Introduction to FCCLA

### Part One: Matching

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

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

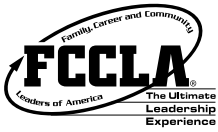
*Instructions:* Complete the following statements.

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

### Part Three: Short Answer

*Instructions.* Answer the following questions.

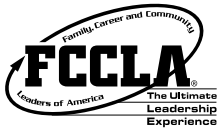
1. Explain who can be a member of FCCLA.
2. Identify two things that you receive for paying your FCCLA dues.
3. List four benefits that FCCLA members receive.



# 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 classmates approach them.

<p><b>FCCLA stands for: Family, Career and Community, Leaders of America.</b></p>	<p><b>FCCLA national dues are: \$ 9.00.</b></p>	<p><b>FCCLA state dues are: \$ _____.</b></p>
<p><b>FCCLA has over 219,000 members nationwide.</b></p>	<p><b>FCCLA has 50 state associations plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.</b></p>	<p><b>The FCCLA national magazine is called <i>Teen Times</i>.</b></p>
<p><b>There are more than 6,500 FCCLA chapters in the United States.</b></p>	<p><b>There are 10 FCCLA national officers.</b></p>	<p><b>Dues are a fee or charge that a person pays to be a member of an organization or group.</b></p>
<p><b>Each teacher or school determines who collects the dues.</b></p>	<p><b>One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is making new friends.</b></p>	<p><b>One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is the opportunity to travel.</b></p>
<p><b>One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is learning how to plan and carry out projects and goals.</b></p>	<p><b>One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is gaining public speaking skills.</b></p>	<p><b>One of the benefits of FCCLA membership is the opportunity to win scholarships.</b></p>



# FCCLA Human Scavenger Hunt

<p><i>How many FCCLA national officers are there?</i></p>	<p><i>What is the name of the FCCLA national magazine?</i></p>	<p><i>Name one of the benefits of being an FCCLA member</i></p>
<p><i>How many FCCLA chapters are there in the USA?</i></p>	<p><i>Name another benefit of being a member of FCCLA.</i></p>	<p><i>How much are the FCCLA national dues?</i></p>
<p><i>Name another benefit of being an FCCLA member</i></p>	<p><i>How many FCCLA state associations are there?</i></p>	<p><i>Explain what a “due” is.</i></p>
<p><i>Name another benefit of being an FCCLA member.</i></p>	<p><i>How much are the FCCLA state dues?</i></p>	<p><i>Name another benefit of being an FCCLA member.</i></p>
<p><i>What does FCCLA stand for?</i></p>	<p><i>How many FCCLA members are there?</i></p>	<p><i>Who collects the dues?</i></p>