

FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) is a nonprofit national Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12.

Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life – planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication – necessary in families, communities and workplaces.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a dynamic and effective national Career and Technical Student Organization that helps young men and women become strong leaders in their families, careers and communities.

MISSION

FCCLA's mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through:

- character development;
- creative and critical thinking;
- interpersonal communication;
- practical knowledge, and
- career preparation.

PURPOSES

FCCLA's eight purposes are:

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life;
2. To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society;
3. To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community;
4. To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony;
5. To promote greater understanding between youth and adults;
6. To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities;
7. To prepare for multiple roles of men and women in today's society;
8. To promote Family and Consumer Sciences and related occupations.

FCCLA: OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

The following are some examples of opening and closing ceremonies. They may be used in their entirety, adapted or changed to fit current needs and interest.

OPENING CEREMONY

President:

Gives a rap with the gavel signaling the officers and members to stand then begins the meeting by saying, "We are members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Our mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education."

Officers:

"Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and vocational preparation."

Members:

"As we work toward the accomplishment of our goals, we learn cooperation, take responsibility, develop leadership and give service."

President:

"This meeting of the _____ Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now in session. You may be seated."

OPTIONAL OPENING CEREMONY

The following is a short alternate opening ceremony.

President:

Gives a rap with the gavel signaling the officer and members to stand then begins the meeting by stating, "We are members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Our mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and vocational preparation. The meeting of the _____ Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now is session. You may be seated."

CLOSING CEREMONY

President:

“Members, please stand. FCCLA members, we are challenged to accept the responsibility of making decisions that affect our lives today and the world tomorrow. Let us repeat our Creed.”

Members:

[Repeat creed.]

CREED

We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

For we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values.

For we are the builders of homes,

Homes for America's future,

Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair,

Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities, not dreams,

We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

President:

“The meeting of the _____ Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now adjourned.” (Raps gavel.)

OPTIONAL CLOSING CEREMONY

The following is a short alternative closing ceremony.

President:

“Members, please stand. FCCLA members are challenged to make a difference in the world by making decisions daily to assume responsibilities in their personal growth, family life, community involvement and career and technical education. This meeting of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now adjourned.” (Raps gavel.)