



Ohio FCCLA State Leadership Conference April 16-17, 2026

Location: Ohio Expo Center – **Location Kasich Hall** – 717 East 17th Ave, Columbus, OH 43211

STAR Event Pilot: April 16, 2026, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Ohio FCCLA is excited to be offering the new AI for Impact STAR Event pilot for Levels 2 and 3 at the 2026 Ohio FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

The AI for Impact STAR Event pilot offers states the opportunity to participate in the development and evaluation of a new Competitive Event focused on ethical, responsible, and human-centered use of artificial intelligence within Family and Consumer Sciences. This pilot challenges students to identify a real-world problem connected to an FCS pathway and demonstrate how AI can be used as a supportive tool to enhance research, planning, and solution development while maintaining full student ownership of the work.

Participants use AI as a resource to brainstorm ideas, organize information, test solutions, and refine their projects, but not to replace human creativity, decision-making, or leadership. Students must clearly document and explain how AI was used, reflect on ethical considerations such as transparency and originality, and distinguish between AI-generated content and student-developed work.

All participants in each level will receive recognition during the Ohio FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

Resources

[AI For Impact Event Specifications](#)

[AI for Impact Evaluator Resource](#)

[AI Use Log Template](#)

FCCLA National Leadership Conference

The following ten states will be participating in the pilot and will play a critical role in helping FCCLA evaluate event guidelines, rubrics, implementation logistics, and training needs prior to any future national expansion: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, and Virginia. Each participating state may submit up to three (3) entries for this pilot event. Entries must be selected and approved by the State Adviser prior to national registration.

The event is open to Levels 2, 3, and 4, and the registration fee to compete at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) is \$35. Students will be evaluated using the official AI for Impact Rubric and will receive medals on site. The event will be held on July 6, 2026. During this pilot year, the Top 3 and Top 10 teams will not be recognized during the STAR Events Recognition Session, and plaques will not be awarded. The registration deadline is May 7, 2026.