



Ohio FCCLA State Leadership Conference April 16-17, 2026

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

State Culinary Career Development Events: Friday, April 10, 2026
Location: Lorain County Community College – 1005 Abbe Rd N, Elyria, OH 44035

State Leadership Conference Registration Opens: March 11, 2026
Registration Closes: March 27, 2026

State Leadership Conference Payments

- Check or Credit Card*
- *Plus a 3.5% Credit Card Processing Fee
- Make checks payable to: Ohio FCCLA, 25 S. Front Street, MS 611, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183
- When the registration is submitted, the registration becomes final.
- On-site registration will be available.

Registration Rates:

- Affiliated Chapter Member: \$50
- Non-Affiliated Chapter Member: \$55
- Adviser(s): \$25
- Parents and Guests: \$25
- Administrators: Free

Additional Registration Items (Not available after March 27, 2026):

- Baking and Pastry: \$50 per entry
- Culinary Arts: \$50 per entry
- ACF Certified Fundamentals Cook: \$35 per student
- ACF Certified Fundamentals Pastry Cook: \$35 per student
- Grilled Cheese Challenge: \$15 per entry (Contest Limit – 15 entries)
- Chili Cookoff: \$15 per entry (Contest Limit – 24 entries)
- Skill Demonstration Events: \$15 per entry
 - Culinary Food Art
 - Interior Design Sketch
 - Lesson Plan Development and Modifications
 - #TeachFCS
- Pilot STAR Event: AI for Impact: \$15 per entry
 - Level 2 and Level 3 Only
- Ohio FCCLA T-Shirt (same t-shirt as the 2025 Fall Leadership Training):
 - Extra Small – 3XL – \$15 per shirt
 - 4XL – \$16 per shirt
- Ohio FCCLA Trading Pins: \$30 for 20 trading pins
- Wednesday, April 15, 2026, Ohio Stadium Tour: \$15 per person



New for 2026: Ohio FCCLA will not be selling Parking Passes

Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds parking is in a transition of a new operational system, starting in April 2026. Attendees will simply drive in the gate. The system will record their license plate number. They will be given a QR code at the gate by our cashiers. They will need to scan the QR code with their phone and pay for their parking through the app. If attendees do not pay, they will receive a non-payment violation notice in the mail.

On Site Registration ONLY: March 28, 2026 – April 17, 2026

- Cash, Check, or Credit Card*
- *Plus a 3.5% Credit Card Processing Fee

On Site Registration Costs:

- Affiliated Chapter Member: \$50
- Non-Affiliated Chapter Member: \$55
- Adviser(s): \$30
- Parents and Guests: \$25
- Administrators: Free

ACF Certification Opportunity at the 2026 State Leadership Conference

Students competing in the Culinary Arts or Baking & Pastry at the 2026 Ohio FCCLA State Leadership Conference or have the opportunity to earn an industry-recognized certification from the American Culinary Federation (ACF). This certification add-on can be selected during SLC registration and provides a pathway to earn either the Certified Fundamental Cook (CFC) or Certified Fundamental Pastry Cook (CFPC) credential.

Ohio FCCLA will provide ACF with the full list of registered students. All students will receive access to the exam on Thursday, April 16, 2026, and must complete it within the designated window at the Ohio FCCLA State Leadership Conference. The Ohio FCCLA State Staff will serve as the proctor for the student's written exam.

Career Development Event Information

- **Career Development Events:** April 16, 2026 – Kasich Hall, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- All State Qualifiers must register for State Leadership Conference
- Registration Required Questions: Participant question - Will you attend the 2026 National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. if you qualify?
- Advisers are the Subject Matter Experts: Please check the Career Development Events you are willing to evaluate.



The Office of Career-Technical Education and Ohio FCCLA State Office have the expectation that advisers will help facilitate Career Development Event competitions in the role of Subject Matter Experts at the regional, state, and national levels. Ohio FCCLA State Staff members are key in identifying qualified evaluators, room consultants, and event volunteers. Because Career Development Events operate on a limited budget, unpaid volunteers are essential. **Chapters are responsible for providing one evaluator and/or room consultant for every three event participants.**

State Leadership Conference Registration Disclaimer

As the chapter adviser, I understand that by submitting the Ohio FCCLA State Leadership Conference registration I agree to fulfill payment for all events/items for which my chapter has registered for. I understand that payment is due once registration is submitted, and my chapter will be blocked from future participation until the invoice is paid. I am aware that there will be NO refunds once registration is submitted. Do NOT submit registration unless you are certain your chapter will be attending as payment is due once registration is submitted.

General Conference Information

State Leadership Conference [Dress Code Policy](#)

Voting Delegates Policy: Number of delegates per chapter can be found on the Ohio FCCLA website under [State Leadership Conference](#).

Stage Recognition: Chapter member(s) receiving onstage recognition must report to their assigned seating area 30 minutes prior to the start of the session. Members who choose not to comply with the Ohio FCCLA [Dress Code Policy](#), forfeits the opportunity to be recognized onstage.

Individual and Chapter Awards: (Recipients must be present to receive the award)

- Early Childhood Education Signing Day
- FCCLA/Life Smarts Knowledge Bowl Championship Qualifier
- Go For the RED Award – Ohio
- National FCCLA Fall Challenge Test Winners
- National Online STAR Events Qualifiers
- National Programs Award
- New Chapter Award
- Ohio FACTS Initiative
- Ohio Families First Initiative
- Ohio FCCLA Endowment Scholarship
- Outstanding Chapter Award
- Power of One
- Say Yes to FCS
- Service Hours Award
- State Degree
- State Outreach Award
- State Project Award



Career Development Events Recognition:

- Friday, April 17 all state qualifiers (each event, each level) will have stage recognition and must be in official dress.
- Hospitality and Tourism members may wear the Ohio FCCLA Culinary Uniform.
- Rubrics will be available for downloading in the Adviser portal by April 21, 2026.

Miscellaneous:

No Food items prepared by anyone other than Schmidt's Catering is permitted to be served alongside out catered events.

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