

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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The Frances Champion/Kitty Funderburk Bachelor's Degree Scholarship

The Florida State Association will award up to one or more scholarships up to \$1,500.00 annually, awarded after the closing of the current year's State Leadership Conference, to an outstanding FCCLA senior(s) planning to enroll in an accredited Florida college or university to major in a Family and Consumer Sciences related occupation at the bachelor's degree level.

This scholarship is awarded to the applicant(s) with the highest qualifications. Students in any year of college may also apply - students are only eligible if they were an affiliated FCCLA member during their senior year of high school, and applications may only be submitted up to 4 calendar years following the date of high school graduation. High school applicants will be given first preference. Students may re-apply for the scholarships provided they have not been a recipient of the scholarship in the past. Funds are provided from contributions made by FCCLA members and sponsors in Florida. Funds are non-renewable and are only awarded for one year. **Associate Degree or Certification Scholarship**

The Florida State Association will award up to one or more scholarships up to \$1,000.00 annually, awarded after the closing of the current year's State Leadership Conference, to outstanding FCCLA senior(s) planning to enroll in a vocational/technical school, community college, or junior college in a Family and Consumer Science-related occupation.

Guidelines for both the Bachelor's and Associate/Certificate Scholarships:

1. The award will be made in two payments (one at the beginning of each term) to the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled.
3. At the beginning of each registration period, the recipient shall send a statement to the State Office from the Dean certifying the specific title of the identified major in a Family & Consumer Sciences related occupation. The check will then be sent to the appropriate office at the college or university.
4. At the beginning of the second term, evidence shall be submitted that the recipient is maintaining an academic average of **C** or above. If the student has failed to maintain a **C** average or above, the recipient will be placed on probation for the following term in attendance before receiving the second payment.
5. Selection of the recipients(s) and an alternate will be made by the State Scholarship Committee. Where there appears to be little difference in the qualifications of applicants, preference will be given to the one in greatest need of financial assistance.
6. The State Scholarship Committee shall annually designate the recipient(s) with the highest qualifications, who will be awarded respective Scholarship for the year.
7. All materials must be formally typed and be neat.
8. Applicants must possess qualities which indicate possible success in the field of Family & Consumer Sciences, such as an interest in home and family life and Family & Consumer Sciences related occupations, good character, leadership ability, and a good command of the English language.



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Purpose

1. To promote interest in Family and Consumer Science professions.
2. To encourage members to prepare for a career in Family and Consumer Science.
3. To provide financial assistance to members having the qualifications set forth herein.

Qualifications/Requirements for Applicants

1. Must have been an active member of an affiliated chapter within the State of Florida for at least two years.
2. Be enrolled in a Family and Consumer Science Course for at least two years **a. Exception:** If an active member for three or more years, be enrolled in a Family and Consumer Science Course for at least one year.
3. Must presently be an active member of an affiliated chapter.
4. Must be a high school graduate with an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or above.
5. Must be planning to enroll in Family and Consumer Sciences at the associate degree or program in an accredited Florida institution.
6. Must have assumed some leadership responsibility within the chapter, district, or state. **a.** Such as serving as an officer or chairperson of a committee.
7. Must have the assurance of financial backing from their family or another source to supplement this scholarship.
8. Must have a letter of recommendation from your Local FCCLA Adviser.



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Recipient Agreements

The following are enclosed:

1. A typed paper of not more than 200 words telling what Family and Consumer Sciences related occupation I have selected.
2. A list of experiences I have had for developing leadership, including FCCLA, school and community activities, and honors or awards received for citizenship of scholastic achievement, accompanied by a verifying signature.
3. Written recommendation from my local adviser, including a statement of my need for financial assistance.
5. An unofficial transcript.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Principal

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Local Adviser

Date

An unofficial transcript of the applicant's high school or college record must be emailed to the Florida FCCLA State Office at info@ffccla.org



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Carolyn Owsley & Virginia Bert Leadership Development Scholarship Award

Qualifications and Policies for Scholarship Award:

The Florida State Association will award up to one or more leadership development scholarships up to \$1,000 annually to attend the current year's National Leadership Conference. The Leadership Development Scholarship Award is awarded to those individuals who have demonstrated leadership ability and dedication to FCCLA goals. The purpose of this scholarship is to aid eligible individuals to attend the National Leadership Conference. Funds are provided for this activity through member contributions to the scholarship account. Students may re-apply for the scholarships provided they have not been a recipient of the scholarship in the past.

GUIDELINES:

- The scholarship award will be made once annually to individuals fulfilling the requirements and provided the state scholarship committee recommends this action.
- The tuition part of the scholarship will be sent directly to the appropriate entity;; travel reimbursement will be awarded directly to the attendee as per official state mileage.
- Selection of the recipient and any alternate will be made by the FCCLA scholarship committee. • The FCCLA scholarship committee shall designate annually those to whom this award will be given. Must submit Leadership Development Scholarship Application by March 1 to FCCLA State Office. • **The recipient** must possess qualities, which indicate potential leadership in the field of family and consumer sciences, such as an interest in home and family life, good character, a pleasing personality, and a good command of the English language.
- The recipient must NOT be receiving any other financial assistance from Florida FCCLA to attend the National Leadership Conference.

PURPOSES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:

To develop leadership skills.

To promote a stronger FCCLA program by encouraging recipient(s) to become effective chapter leaders.

To encourage members to become involved in the local affiliated chapter, district and state functions; local, district and state offices; and district and state proficiency events.

To encourage members to prepare for a career in Family and Consumer Sciences related occupations. To provide financial assistance to members having appropriate qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS OF RECIPIENT(S) FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

All recipients must be affiliated members in good standing of an affiliated chapter.

All recipients must have held or be holding an FCCLA chapter, city or county council, district, or state office, or have participated in Competitive Events on at a state or national level

All recipients must be either a middle or high school student.

All recipients must have a passing grade in all subjects with at least an overall C average. Verification is required from the chapter or district adviser.

All recipients must have financial assistance from their families or another source for any additional personal expenses connected with attendance at this function.

The recipient must include two letters of recommendation.



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CAROLYN OWSLEY & VIRGINIA BERT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD

DEADLINE: March 1st SUBMIT TO: info@flfccla.org

General Information:

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Years in FCCLA: _____ Years in FCS: _____ Chapter: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____ Grade: _____

FCCLA Offices Held (Include Position Name and Year Held):

Other Leadership Experiences:

In 25 words or less, explain why you would like to attend a leadership conference:

*Attach two letters of recommendation: (one from your chapter adviser and the other from a school or community leader).

I have financial assistance from _____ for any additional personal expenses in connection to attendance at this function. Yes No

Signature of Applicant Date Signature of Principal Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date Signature of Local Adviser Date