

Administration Nominations for State Advisory Board

According to the Montana FCCLA State Constitution, an administrator representative will be selected to serve a 3-year term on the State Advisory Board. A written application will be submitted to the advisory board by the winter meeting. The representative will be announced at the SLC. Term begins and ends with the summer meeting.

The State Advisory Board is now accepting all nominations for this position. The nomination form can be found on our MT FCCLA website:

http://www.mtfccla.org/docs/2012_Administrator_Nomination_Form_Advisory_Board.doc.

Nominations are due to Megan Vincent postmarked by January 15, 2012.

Affiliation Guidelines for Montana

As of December 2, Montana FCCLA has 43 affiliated chapters for the year. As Connie and I review the affiliation information received from Nationals, we will be contacting you if we have any questions or concerns.

Remember, new this year is the Occupational Course Approval Form. This form and explanation was emailed to all chapters in the second part of the fall mailer in September. It can also be downloaded from the Montana FCCLA website under Forms/Documents.

http://www.mtfccla.org/docs/2011_OccupationalCourseApprovalRequestForm.doc

Any chapter wishing to affiliate occupational members must first complete and submit this form to Megan Vincent, State Adviser. If a chapter affiliates members as occupational without completing the form, the chapter adviser will be contacted with a request to complete the form. If a request is made and not approved, the chapter adviser will be asked to switch any occupationally affiliated students to comprehensive through National FCCLA.

Also, please remember the Montana affiliation deadline is February 1, 2012. With the new system, I suggest you do not wait until the last minute to affiliate your chapter. Your chapter must be affiliated to attend the State Leadership Conference in March.

Calendar of Events

An edited Dates to Remember and Calendar of Events has been posted to the Montana FCCLA website on the Forms/Documents page. This includes dates and deadlines from your At-A-Glance poster provided by Nationals as well as information specific to Montana FCCLA.

http://www.mtfccla.org/docs/2011-12_FCCLA_DatestoRemember_CalendarofEvents.pdf

June Leadership Camp for the 2012-2013 State Executive Council

Advisers, if you have a newly elected district president or member running for district president that will serve as a member of the 2012-2013 State Executive Council, please share the following dates with him/her. The annual Career & Technical Student Organization Leadership Camp sponsored by the Office of Public Instruction will be held in Bigfork at the Big Sky Bible Camp June 1 – 3, 2012. Encourage them to mark this down on their calendars now so they will be able to attend.

Marketing Materials for Purchase

Looking for a great way to market and share information about your FCCLA Chapter? Consider purchasing some of the new Montana FCCLA postcards! These were designed with you in mind for easy use. Send them to local supporters, administrators, parents, school board members, volunteers, representatives, etc. A postcard stamp is all you need to show people your chapter is thankful or thinking of them. The price is \$0.25 each or 25 postcards for \$5.00. Montana FCCLA pens are also available for purchase - \$0.40 each. Use the attached order form to place an order.

Montana Events Manual

Have you been looking for the Montana Proficiency Events Manual on our website recently, but you were unable to find it? The Montana Proficiency Events Manual is currently being revised, and it will be posted on the website within the next two weeks with a new title – the Montana Events Manual. An email will be sent to all chapter advisers when the manual is available along with a description of the changes.

National Program Award Evaluation Process

Interested in evaluating National Program Awards? The evaluation process will be done electronically again this year, opening the opportunity to any affiliated chapter adviser and/or member. Please contact Bethany S. Kohut at bkohut@fcclainc.org for more information.

Possible Award Nomination for Margaret Briggs

Nancy Linnell, Sunburst, has made a recommendation for Montana to nominate Margaret Briggs for a National FCCLA Award. We are unsure which award as we don't know whether or not she is an alumni nor do we have current contact information for her. Nancy is requesting information to include on the award nomination form, contact information (including mailing address) and help from any other advisers who remember working with her. Margaret wrote several grants for state FHA and continues to support FCCLA financially as a donor each year. If you have any information/knowledge to share with Nancy, please contact her via email at nlinnell@sunburst.k12.mt.us. We'd both be appreciative for the help!

Press Releases?

Has your chapter been in the newspaper lately? If so, please be sure to email me a copy of the article or a link. I love to know what's happening in our state and recognize all the hard work of our advisers, chapters and members.

STAR Events Resources

Looking for scenarios, topics, or other resources for National STAR Events? Find these resources, as well as a link to the recent competitive events webinar, on the "resources" page in the STAR Events section of the website: <http://www.fcclainc.org/content/resources/>.

State Leadership Conference Update

The Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference will be held in Billings March 25 – 27, 2012. Registration takes place online through two different tasks. First, event registration will be during the month of January. Second, each chapter will complete conference registration for all attendees. Detailed information and instructions will be emailed to all chapter advisers the first week of January as well as posted to the MT FCCLA website. This year, the conference registration cost will be \$45 per person.

Reminder: Montana FCCLA on Facebook

Montana FCCLA Facebook page for members, alumni and all supports:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Montana-Family-Career-and-Community-Leaders-of-America/149967771695571>

Montana FCCCLA Chapter Advisers Facebook Group for MT Advisers only:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/248102661886036/>

Calendar of Events

December 6, 2011 – FCCLA District 2 Fall Meeting, Three Forks, MT

December 7, 2011 – FCCLA District 6/7 Fall Meeting, Missoula, MT

December 14, 2011 – FCCLA District 5 Fall Meeting, Glendive, MT

January 22 – 23, 2012 – TENTATIVE Winter State Executive Council Meeting, Bozeman, MT

January 31 – February 3, 2012 – State Advisers Management Meeting, Orlando, FL

March 25 – 27, 2012 – Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Billings, MT