



The FCCLA Community Service Program guides students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Community Service helps young people build skills for family, career, and community roles; provides youth-centered learning experiences related to Family and Consumer Sciences education; and encourages young people to develop the positive character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

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FCCLA Community Service projects can be a great “first step” for less-experienced advisers, chapters, or members. They involve fun, hands-on activities that motivate and involve students while offering a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie. Projects range from simple, one-time efforts to multi-faceted, ongoing programs. Here’s an example of the range of projects that might grow out of a single concern – to clean up the community.

<b>Least In-Depth</b>		<b>Most In-Depth</b>	
Two members spend a few hours cleaning up an elderly relative’s yard.	The chapter spends an afternoon picking up litter in a park.	The chapter coordinates with a variety of groups on a community wide “clean-up” day.	The chapter initiates formation of a “community improvement council” to address ongoing clean-up issues.

### **Awards:**

FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete FCCLA Community Service projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Conference, online and in the *Teen Times* magazine. Chapters apply online for recognition for their hard work and innovative projects with the National Community Service Program Award Application.

- High School Award – \$1,000
- Middle School Award – \$1,000
- Runner-Up Award – \$500

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