



National STAR Events Michigan Policies

Michigan FCCLA uses the current edition of the **STAR Events Manual** for all National STAR events offered at the State Leadership Conference. The STAR Events Manual is revised each summer, and is posted as a free download at www.fcclainc.org. All information listed in the **STAR Events Manual** is official; the information printed here is for quick reference only.

Michigan FCCLA has several policies that add to or replace the guidelines published in the national STAR Events Manual in order to facilitate competition at the state level. Please be sure to reference these policies when preparing your students.

*Please note, a new **STAR Events Manual** is posted each year on the National FCCLA Website at www.fcclainc.org. Information specific to the format, eligibility, etc. is contained in the Manual.*

- Students may enter only one STAR Event (State or National). In addition, they may enter an FCCLA Scrapbook and/or the Power of One.
- There is no minimum or maximum number of students who can be involved from any one chapter.
- Chapters may have more than one entry in any event, however students need to be aware they will be competing against members from their own chapter.
- A team may be composed of one, two or three participants from the same chapter and/or school with the exception of the Parliamentary Procedure Event, which **must** consist of four to eight members. A Culinary Arts team consists of up to three members.
- The Culinary Arts event will not be held at the State Leadership Conference without at least two teams of three (six total participants) registered by the SLC deadline.
- The Culinary Arts event will be limited to the first ten (10) teams that register and pay the State Leadership Conference registration fee.
- Depending on the availability of the hotel kitchen, Culinary Arts competition may take place on Wednesday night or at any point on Thursday, regardless of when other STAR Events are scheduled.
- All students are required to pre-register for a specific event. This includes the FCCLA Scrapbook Competition.
- All students that compete will be given a Gold (100-85), Silver (84-70) or Bronze (69-0) rating.
- Each student that receives a Gold, Silver or Bronze rating will receive a medal and a certificate.

National STAR Events - Michigan Policies (continued)

- The following STAR Events are offered at the National Leadership Conference, but Michigan **DOES NOT** offer these events at the State Leadership Conference. Contact us for more information about these “Direct to Nationals” events:
 - Applied Math for Culinary Management
 - Food Innovations
 - Hospitality, Tourism & Travel
 - Sports Nutrition
- **All competition participants must attend a mandatory registration meeting at the State Leadership Conference.**
- An overall winner will be identified in each of the National STAR Event categories at the State Leadership Conference. The overall winning individual/team in each National STAR Event will qualify to represent Michigan at The National Leadership Conference.
- All decisions of the evaluators are final.
- Refer to the disqualification and point deduction sheet in the National STAR Event Manual.
- Specific event rules come from the National STAR Events Manual, published online at www.fcclainc.org each Fall.



National STAR Events Tips & Advice

1. Use projects being done in the classroom. For example, giving an oral presentation on AIDS using visuals is an Illustrated Talk.
2. Don't attempt to offer all events at one time. Choose those that best fit your program needs.
3. You can piggyback STAR Events from one large project, such as Illustrated Talk, Chapter Service, or National Programs in Action.
4. Use National STAR Events guidelines to set-up projects.
5. Use the FCCLA planning process and relate it to FCCLA's purposes.
6. Ask an experienced adviser if you don't understand something.
7. Have students practice in the classroom; give grades for participation.
8. Get ideas from leadership magazines, refer to the **Adviser** and adviser mailings, and check the Internet for community service ideas.
9. Use the national publications, such as Families First, Career Connection, Dynamic Leadership, Leaders at Work, Power of One, Financial Fitness, and **Teen Times** for event ideas and resources.
10. Communicate with other chapters in Michigan and around the country to see how they prepare students for competition.
11. Start early and have a good time.
12. Use local school staff members as resources and for assistance. This also gives visibility to the program.



National STAR Event Qualifiers Information

For those competing at the National Leadership Conference

1. It is mandatory to follow all National STAR Event rules; these are located in the **STAR Events Manual** that is published online in the fall of each year at www.fcclainc.org.
2. Michigan FCCLA will follow all guidelines for portfolio and file folder requirements as stated in the STAR Events Manual that was published online in the fall of each school year. **All STAR Events that require a portfolio must be contained in an official FCCLA STAR Events binder/notebook that can be purchased from the FCCLA online store: <http://www.co-store.com/fccla> or by calling them at 1-877-246-2514.**
3. When your region is requested on anything for the NLC, Michigan is in the Central Region.
4. Each STAR Event participant will be charged a fee for competition, in addition to the National Leadership Conference registration fee.
5. It is important that advisers provide accurate email addresses for the students when registering for the conference. National STAR Events participants will receive an email from FCCLA with important information and updates regarding competition at the National Leadership Conference.
6. STAR Events Participant Registration/Orientation will be scheduled for two hours in one location for all STAR Events. **Participants must attend registration and orientation. Participants will be disqualified for missing registration/orientation and will not be permitted to participate in the STAR Events Recognition Session.** Participants will be asked to sign in and pick up their registration packets.
7. National medal guidelines: **Gold:** 100-90, **Silver:** 89-70 **Bronze:** 69-0
8. Once you arrive at the National Conference, make sure you attend your mandatory registration and orientation, and find your competition room.
9. Competition times and rooms are received at the mandatory registration and orientation session.
10. When shipping items to the National Leadership Conference:
 - Send packages to the hotel, addressed to "Your Name, Hotel Guest, Check-in Date"
 - Ship packages about 1-2 weeks before the conference. Try not to send any earlier, since some hotels may charge a holding fee per day for packages.
 - We recommending sending packages with a tracking number and with return receipt requested.
11. Spectators will not be permitted to observe any portion of any of the STAR Events.