



## NEVADA FCCLA MEMBERSHIP TYPES

### ***HOW DO YOU DECIDE?***

#### What is the Difference between Occupational and Comprehensive Membership?

FCCLA members may be classified as either a **comprehensive** or **occupational** member dependent on their current level of enrollment in a FCS program of study.

- *Comprehensive* members are enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences education courses that are broad in scope and content related to the many areas of FCS.
- *Occupational* members are enrolled in educational programs that prepare them for paid employment in a specific Family and Consumer Sciences related career.

#### What is the Definition of an Occupational Course?

A high school course in a specific family and consumer sciences area or program of study that concentrates on in-class learning and on-the-job training in preparation for paid employment in that subject area. Examples include Culinary Arts classes and Early Childhood Education classes that prepare students to work in their career fields

#### What are the Benefits of Occupational Membership?

Students who are affiliated as an occupational member may compete in the occupational category for eligible Skills Demonstration and STAR Events.

#### Who Determines if a Member is Eligible for Occupational Membership?

As outlined in the FCCLA National Bylaws, the State Department of Education determines Family & Consumer Sciences classes as comprehensive or occupational.

#### If I have already affiliated a member under the comprehensive category, can I change to occupational?

No, if the student is being changed in order to compete.

Yes, if the student was wrongly affiliated and the mistake was caught early in the year.

*Please log into the FCCLA Membership Affiliation System and "request a change." Membership category changes must be approved by the State Adviser before they are official. Please provide details as to why the change is being requested.*



## What level does a mixed-level team compete at?

*(Taken from National FCCLA Competitive Events Guide)*

Individual events evaluate one member's performance. Team events evaluate several participants' or a chapter's performance as one entry. Team events may have one, two, or three participants from the same chapter.

An event category is determined by the participant's current or previous enrollment in Family and Consumer Sciences coursework or a Career Cluster class/course that is taught or could be taught by a person approved by the state education system for teaching Family and Consumer Sciences courses or content areas. Entry into a particular category is determined by affiliation with FCCLA, membership designation of either comprehensive or occupational as defined below, and participant's grade in school during the school year preceding the National Leadership Conference. Any change in membership status must be reported by the May 31 affiliation deadline.

Event categories are defined as:

- **Junior**—FCCLA chapter members through grade 9
- **Senior**—FCCLA chapter members in grades 10-12; who are identified as comprehensive members on the national affiliation form.
- **Occupational**—FCCLA chapter members in grades 10–12; who have been or are currently enrolled in occupational Family and Consumer Sciences coursework; and who are identified as occupational on the national affiliation form.
  
- A team composed of both junior (through grade 9) and senior (grades 10–12) comprehensive or occupational (grades 10-12) members must enter the senior category.
- A team composed of both senior (grades 10–12) comprehensive and occupational (grades 10–12) members must enter the senior category.
- A team composed of both junior (through grade 9) and occupational (grades 10–12) members must enter the senior category.
- Team events with only senior (grades 10–12) comprehensive and occupational (grades 10–12) categories may not include members through grade 9.
- Postsecondary members are eligible if they are enrolled in a postsecondary program (grades 13–16 in career and technical education centers, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities).

## Questions?

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