SECTION II. STUDENTS TAKING ACTION WITH RECOGNITION (STAR) EVENTS

A. REVISIONS AND CHANGES

CALIFORNIA STAR Guide (C-STAR), 2020

The STAR Guide is currently being updated by a committee of teachers/advisors, industry representatives, and STAR state-level assistants. This resource, C-STAR Events Guide, 2020, will only be available online beginning October 15, 2020, to chapters on the California FCCLA website. Please refer to Item L in this section of the mailing for changes in specific events. Please discard all earlier versions of the STAR or CRE Guide.

Entry Procedures!!!!

The STAR online Web Entry System (WES) will be in use for STAR entries for the 2020-2021 school year beginning November 15, 2020. Please discard all earlier versions of STAR or CRE entry forms. Please refer to Item E in this section of the mailing for changes to STAR entry procedures.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. Region Qualifying Competition

Only active FCCLA members from chapters in good standing with the association are eligible to participate in STAR. An active member is one whose name is listed on the chapter’s current year membership roster on file at the FCCLA Financial Services Office.

- Current chapters must affiliate by November 1, 2021, to have eligible competitors.
- New chapters and reinstated chapters (schools that were not affiliated the previous school year) must be affiliated before January 11, 2021, to have eligible competitors.

2. State Finals

The top seven winners in each event at the Region Qualifying Competition will be eligible to compete in STAR State Finals.
C. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER CHAPTER

The total number of entries allowed per chapter is based on the number of affiliated members.

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NOTE: An “entry” means the following in this context: individual events and team events. Each individual student will be counted as ONE entry. Chapter events are excluded in the maximum number of entries.

D. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EVENT

The following table indicates the number of entries allowed for each FCCLA chapter per competitive event in Level 1 grades 6–8, Level 2 grades 9–10, or Level 3 grades 11–12. The total number of entries, however, cannot exceed the maximum number of entries per FCCLA chapter member quota listed above.

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*Mixed level teams are still allowed but must compete at the highest level of the teams’ members. Some events will still have eligibility requirements requiring specific courses or program enrollment to be verified at the state level.

E. STAR ONLINE ENTRY SUBMISSION, FORMS, AND FEES

1. Due Dates

Electronic Entry Forms must be input on the WES no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time on the posted deadline date as indicated below. Fees must be submitted to the FCCLA Financial Services Office by due dates designated for chapters that are Current (Ongoing) or New or Reinstated. Envelopes postmarked later than the specific due date indicated will incur late fees, as addressed in this mailer, and may not be accepted and processed.
Current, New, and Reinstated Chapters – Online Submission and Postmarked by January 11, 2021. Chapters are encouraged to process entries early, as this will ensure that your chapter does not incur unnecessary fees. Send completed fees to:

FCCLA Financial Services Office
P.O. Box 6
Galt, CA 95632

2. Procedure for Preparing and Submitting Entries

This year, all entries must be submitted electronically on the online STAR WES. The number of hard copy forms that must be submitted with entry fees is minimal. The following information provides details about the process.

(a) ALL entries and completion of any required forms will all be completed through the special STAR WES website which will be available on November 15, 2021. When the website is ready to accept entries, a link to the entry site will be posted on the FCCLA Advisor Log-In website at www.ca-fccla.org. The entry system detailed directions and all forms will be available at the STAR page on the FCCLA website.

(b) For all Team Events, competitor names are due to the Webmaster by January 11, 2021 for all Spring Qualifying Competitions and by March 15 for the State Finals Competition.

(c) Complete directions for the submittal of electronic entries, required forms, and submission of fees will be provided on the FCCLA website and limited directions are available in this mailer. If you have questions, please call the FCCLA State Office at 916-319-0890.

3. Entry Fees for 2020-2021

The fees will be as follows:

- Individual Events: $15.00
- Team Events: 1–3 team members - $15.00 per person on the team
- Baking and Pastry*: 1–3 team members - $35.00 per person on the team
- Culinary Arts*: 1–3 team members - $35.00 per person on the team
  - * Fees for this event are attributed to the expenses related to facilities, travel, and logistics related to this particular event.

4. Dates by which deficiencies/problems with STAR must be resolved

a. The last day for active/ongoing/new/reinstated chapters to submit STAR entries is January 11, 2021. There will absolutely NOT be any late entries accepted after this date.
b. The last day for active/ongoing/new/reinstated chapters to resolve STAR entry deficiencies/problems for substitutes and/or new member entries made prior to the January 11, 2021 deadline is **January 15, 2021.**

c. Entries submitted that are incomplete, incorrectly prepared, postmarked after published due dates, or do not include sufficient funds to cover entry fees will not be processed until the deficiencies/problems are resolved.

A $10.00 late fee will be incurred for each competitor and every incomplete, incorrectly prepared, late postmarked entry or insufficient funds to cover original entry fees.

d. To avoid the risk of chapter members not being able to compete, chapter advisors should correct any deficiencies/problems as soon as they are notified by the FCCLA Financial Services Office. It is imperative advisors double check their entries immediately upon registration. The deadline is January 15, 2021.

e. Any STAR entry, including a chapter, team or individual entry, that is deficient after the applicable deficiency/problems correction date, will incur a late fee and/or may not be allowed to compete.

f. Advisors should carefully recheck all entry materials and fees for accuracy before submitting them online and to the FCCLA Financial Services Office to avoid any possible delay in processing.

F. ALTERNATES

Chapters may exercise the option of having an alternate team member in team events only. A student entered as an alternate cannot be entered as a competitor in any other event. Only the alternate member listed on the entry form may be utilized at any level of competition. No new alternates can be added nor can substitutions for the alternates be made. Once an alternate team member participates, the team has the option of having the originally registered competitor return or the alternate compete at subsequent levels of competition. Participants may enter or serve as an alternate for only one team in any year. An alternate may only be entered one time. A $15.00 alternate entry fee applies and is due no later than January 11, 2021.

G. SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS

- All chapters—current (ongoing), new and reinstated—that affiliate by the established deadline dates may submit substitutes no later than January 11, 2021 for Team Events only. A $15.00 substitution entry fee applies.
• For chapters to submit the names of substitutes, the appropriate substitution entry must be made online in the WES including the $15.00 substitute entry fee for each competitor no later than January 11, 2021. The substitute may be a member who joined their local chapter after November 2, 2020.

• All electronic entries, forms, and fees must be posted online and/or postmarked no later than January 11, 2021. No EXCEPTIONS will be made to this deadline date.

H. ADDITION OF NEW MEMBER COMPETITORS

If new members join their local chapter any time after November 2, 2020, up to January 11, 2021, and want to participate in STAR, advisors may submit the appropriate STAR electronic entry and fee(s) which must be preceded by online affiliation of the new members. The electronic submission and entry fees must be submitted/postmarked no later than January 11, 2021.

NOTE: Because of the online affiliation system you will need to allow time between affiliation and STAR entry submission. It may take 24–48 hours for members to show up on your chapter roster, in order to be allowed to sign up the member as a STAR competitor. Be sure to calculate this time in submitting your entries.

I. COMPETITORS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Participants with physical limitations, language deficiencies, or religious requirements who will need special assistance or would not be able to comply with any general or specific rules during competition must notify the state office, in writing, at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the qualifying region and again prior to the state finals competition. In a letter or email, the STAR participant must indicate the type of assistance that will be needed for competition. Send the letter or email to:

California FCCLA
Family and Consumer Sciences Education
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 4202
Sacramento, CA 95814
Melissa Webb, FCCLA State Advisor, mwebb@cde.ca.gov

NOTE: If an emergency occurs that would require a waiver after the three (3) week deadline, the advisor to the said participant must notify the State Advisor prior to competition. Once a decision is made regarding the waiver, the Region or State STAR Chairperson will be notified by the FCCLA State Office. Region Chairpersons are instructed to honor requests for waivers only if they are notified by the FCCLA State Office that the competitor is able to compete.
J. DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR COMPETITIONS

1. Region Qualifying Competition
Qualifying Competitions are conducted in each region. The “Calendar of Statewide Events and Due Dates 2020-2021” which lists the dates and locations for Region Qualifying Competitions is available in this Affiliation Packet and on the FCCLA website at www.ca-fccla.org.

2. State Finals
State Finals Orientation and Competition will be held during the State Leadership Conference in Riverside, California. Please refer to the first State Leadership Conference mailing for updated STAR information.

K. IDENTIFICATION NEEDED FOR COMPETITION – ACTION REQUIRED

1. Region Qualifying Competition
All competitors must bring a signed and completed STAR Student Permission Form and their photo ID or a clean copy (preferably colored) of their photo ID to Region Competition. If they do not have a signed STAR Student Permission Form and their photo ID, the student will be disqualified.

2. State Finals
All competitors must bring a signed and completed STAR Student Permission Form and their current photo ID/clean copy (preferably colored) of photo ID, and be wearing their State Leadership Conference Competitor ribbon during the event check-in, and awards check-in. If participants do not have the required documentation, they will be disqualified. Those competitors serving as an Alternate in a team event or competing for the first time at the State Finals, must turn in a SIGNED STAR Student Permission Form during official dress check, otherwise the student will be disqualified. *Please note a change in required documentation at each level of competition this year.

L. CHANGES IN COMPETITIVE RECOGNITION EVENTS FROM THE 2019 GUIDE

Consult the online STAR Guide for all of the changes which can be found on the California FCCLA website beginning October 15, 2020. Particular attention should be made to the STAR and State Events that the STAR Chairperson Task Force may have made for 2020-2021.

M. OFFICIAL DRESS FOR STAR COMPETITION

A description of the official dress for STAR is included in the C-STAR Guide, 2020. Please read this information carefully. In order to promote consistency statewide, an official dress check will be conducted at both levels of competition by the Event Room Consultant. The “Official Dress Checklist” that will be used for competition will be available on October 15, 2020, on the FCCLA Website at www.ca-fccla.org.
**NOTE:** Competitors must now wear black dress pants or skirts to not receive a deduction in points.

Only competitors in the Baking and Pastry, Culinary Arts, Culinary Display events may report to the event check-in wearing their chef attire at both region qualifying and state finals competition. They must be in the following attire that is either required or permitted for the event (see below). This attire will be checked by the specific Event Room Consultant as required in the specific rules for the event. Competitors in these events will wear chef attire for the awards and recognition program at qualifying competition ONLY. At the state finals competition, these competitors will wear “Official Dress” or “Professional Chef Attire” for the awards and recognition program.

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**N. REQUIRED STAR TOPICS, CATEGORIES, AND THEMES FOR 2020-2021**

STAR Topics, Categories, and Themes for 2020-2021 will be available on or before October 15, 2020, and will be shared at the Region Fall Meetings. Using a topic, category, theme, or project other than what is provided will result in a loss of points on the event rubric. Refer to the C-STAR Guide, 2020 for additional information regarding these and the other STAR events.

**O. 2020-2022 STATE PROJECT GOALS – SEE HANDOUT PROVIDED IN PACKET**

**P. STAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

1. **Recognition and Awards**
   Competitors receive various types of recognition and awards. Information on awards will be given at the Fall Region Meetings.

   - **Region Level**
     - Certificates for all competitors and finalist seal for 1st–7th place
     - Bronze, silver, and gold medals for the top three winners in each event
· State Level
  ▪ Certificates with gold, silver, and bronze seals for all competitors
  ▪ 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies, as well as cash awards, scholarships, and other merchandise for all winners

*At both Region and State Level in order to earn recognition, students must qualify with a score of 70 points or higher.

2. Competitor Requirements

Competitors must attend the Recognition Session of their Region Qualifying Competitions, must be full time registrants at the annual State Leadership Conference, and attend the Awards Session at the State Leadership Conference, which will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Competitors must be present in official dress to receive their recognition and/or awards and to avoid disqualification.

3. Guests

Chapter advisors and members should invite parents, administrators, as well as business/industry and community supporters to the STAR Program at the region and state levels. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase student success and promote the value of FCCLA.

Q. NATIONAL STAR EVENTS

State finalists in STAR events may be eligible to compete at the National level. These events will be held at the June 27–July 3, 2021 (NEED DATES), National Leadership Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. Please see the state website for the 2020-2021 National Qualifying FCCLA STAR Event list.

R. STAR EVENTS ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

All first, second, and third place State STAR winners in the events identified for National STAR Events should plan to attend the information session following the close of the State Leadership Conference on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in Riverside, California. If your chapter will have entries in the events that are eligible for national competition, you should start planning now for ways to finance the student(s) participation. The fee for STAR events is $45.00 and must be paid directly through the national FCCLA advisor portal. A form for chapter participation at the National Leadership Conference will be required during the orientation meeting.

S. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TRAVEL AND REGISTRATION

For more information about the National Leadership Conference, see the section of this mailing entitled “National Organization Information.”