



Texas Association, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

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Texas FCCLA Members & Advisors:

On Friday, March 13, 2020 the Texas FCCLA Board of Directors made the decision to cancel the 2020 State Leadership Conference that was scheduled to take place in Dallas April 2-4, 2020. It was not an easy decision but one that was made in the interest of the health and safety of our members, advisors, volunteers, staff, and the communities in which we reside. We know that members and advisors across our great state have been working hard to prepare for the State Leadership Conference and we (the Texas FCCLA State Staff, the Board of Directors, and the State Executive Council) are both so very proud of what each member and chapter has accomplished this school year and upset that you will not be able to fully showcase these efforts at the State Leadership Conference.

Texas FCCLA has contingency plans in place. These plans may not address each and every question you may have so be patient with the Texas FCCLA State Office as we work through the process. Here is what we can tell you now:

- Chapters/Attendees that have submitted payment for the State Leadership Conference will receive a full refund. Refunds must be requested before Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 11:59 PM CST.
- The Texas FCCLA 75th Anniversary Hall of Fame Awards Brunch and all 75th Anniversary plans will be shifted to the 2021 State Leadership Conference.
 - Refunds for brunch tickets and/or A&A Registration will be issued. Please use the refund request form to request your refund before Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 11:59 PM CST.

Refund Request Form

<https://forms.gle/o8du6VAfxSc5qNaG6>

- Each advisor/chapter/attendee needs to contact their hotel to cancel their reservation(s) and discuss the refund policy (if you have already submitted payment).
- Students who applied and were selected to receive a Texas FCCLA scholarship(s) will receive it.
 - Scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, March 27, 2020
- The State Nominating Committee will meet with the 2020-2021 State Officer Candidates.
 - Additional information will be sent to all those involved by Lily Smith, State Parliamentarian.
- Electronic Balloting will be used to ratify the 2020-2021 State Officers and the Region Bylaw change that passed in each Region earlier this year. The electronic ballot will also be used to approve the 2020-2021 budget.
 - Each FCCLA chapter in Texas will receive an electronic ballot to be completed by their voting delegate. Additional information will be sent out regarding this matter to Chapter Advisors.
- If your chapter collected items for the State Service Learning Project please note what was collected and email Callie Harter, State VP of Service Learning (callie.harter@texasfccla.org), then consider donating the items to an appropriate shelter in your community.



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- Each 2020-2021 Region Officer team will have to opportunity to meet electronically.
 - Information will be sent out by your Region President.
- Texas FCCLA will submit the top two teams in each STAR Event to National FCCLA with the exception of Culinary Arts (one team).
 - We will input the Region Leadership Conference scores for each team that advanced to the State Leadership Conference (based on the current competitive event schedules) and use standard deviation (similar to what National FCCLA uses at the National Leadership Conference) to determine the top two teams/individuals in each event and category to submit to National FCCLA.
 - The top 5 entries in each event and level will be posted, in random order, to the Texas FCCLA App. A recognition session will be live streamed (additional information will follow).
 - There was lengthy discussion about virtual STAR Events taking place, but we did not feel safe requiring competitive event team members to gather together to livestream or record their presentation for evaluation given the current state of affairs. That was the ultimate reason we decided to utilize standard deviation to compare scores from each Region Leadership Conference as fairly as possible.
- National Leadership Conference travel information will be posted this week to the State Leadership Conference page of the Texas FCCLA website.
 - National FCCLA is still moving forward with plans for the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. July 5-9, 2020.
 - Texas FCCLA will travel July 3-10, 2020 and stay at the Marriott Marquis (headquarters hotel).
 - In the event that National FCCLA cancels the National Leadership Conference all travel payments will be refundable with the exception of airline tickets (this could change).

Additional information will be released via social media, the Texas FCCLA website, and emails to all primary/secondary advisors across the state as it becomes available. If you have questions, please call or email the State Office.

With warm courage and high hope,

Jared Cappers
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Executive Director & State Advisor