

Standard 11.0

Housing, Interiors, and Furnishings

Integrate knowledge, skills, and practices required for careers in housing, interiors, and furnishings.

Members might...

Talk to people who work in housing, interiors, and furnishings about their careers and how work affects lifestyle choice. Then, publish a pamphlet that describes the career. Include quotes from interviewees about work hours, flexibility, fringe benefits, and what employers expect from people who want to succeed in this career. (Career Connection)

Arrange to decorate and furnish a child's room for an organization that rehabilitates or builds affordable housing for low income families. If possible, work with the child who will live in the room and decorate with his or her favorite colors, characters, etc. (Community Service)

Explore professional ethics. Write sample scenarios that involve ethical challenges and are set in the housing, interiors and furnishings industry. Use the sample challenges to lead a session with fellow FCCLA members. Have members role play responses to the challenges. Lead a discussion about the consequences of ethical and unethical choices. Challenge members to commit to positive ethics. (Dynamic Leadership)

Sponsor a workshop at which families construct bulletin boards for displaying family members' accomplishments, "thoughts for the day," and notes. Provide prepared lettering for the board with titles like "Big Events" and "Applause!" (Families First)

Improve speaking skills by volunteering as a host or "docent" at an historic house. This might be a museum. Or, it might be a private home open only for a special event. Speak to small groups of people about the house. Tell about its architecture and furnishings. Explain how these relate to its history. (Leaders at Work)

Explore options for further education and preparation for careers in housing, interiors, and furnishings. (Power of One, "Working on Working")

Invite an interior designer or other entrepreneur to discuss the ups and downs of owning a housing-related business. Incorporate this information into a business plan. (STAR Events Entrepreneurship*)

* Project ideas may not completely fulfill national STAR Events guidelines. They are provided as "thought provokers" to start members thinking about their own projects.