

# **POLICIES FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

## **Missouri Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America**

### **Purposes:**

1. To develop interest in family and consumer sciences, family and consumer sciences careers, and related occupations.
2. To give financial aid to worthy family and consumer sciences students who have been active in the Missouri Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

### **Scholarship Plan:**

The Missouri Association of FCCLA shall award scholarships annually to outstanding Missouri FCCLA members meeting specific scholarship criteria and planning to enroll in an accredited institution of higher education. Scholarships are awarded in the following categories —

- Family and Consumer Sciences Career Clusters Scholarships
- Outstanding FCCLA Leadership Scholarships

### **Family and Consumer Sciences Career Clusters Scholarships:**

Scholarships are available for candidates planning to major in a two-year associate or four-year baccalaureate degree program in a family and consumer sciences career cluster area. Career cluster areas in family and consumer sciences are:

- Early childhood, education and services
- Food production and services
- Hospitality, tourism and recreation
- Housing, interiors and furnishings
- Textiles and apparel
- Family and consumer sciences education

### **Outstanding FCCLA Leadership Scholarships:**

Scholarships are available for candidates who demonstrate outstanding leadership and participation in FCCLA programs and activities. Two-year associate and four-year baccalaureate degree awards are available. Candidates must be enrolled in an accredited college or university.

### **Scholarship Award Amounts:**

Candidates planning to enroll in a two-year postsecondary program leading to an Associate's degree through an accredited college or university shall receive a \$1000 or a \$500 scholarship.

Candidates planning to enroll in a program leading to a bachelor's degree through an accredited college or university shall receive a \$2000, \$1000, or \$500 scholarship.

The Missouri Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (MAFCS — state affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences) will provide a \$1200 scholarship to the top applicant of the Family and Consumer Sciences Career Cluster Scholarship who enrolls in a two-year or four-year Missouri institution and declares a major in a family and consumer sciences program. The MAFCS recipient must be a Family Consumer Sciences and Human Services major in a family and consumer sciences career cluster area as listed above. (Examples include: dietetics, fashion merchandising, child development, family economics, or family consumer sciences education. An applicant who plans to major in elementary education or secondary education is not eligible.)

### **Number of Scholarships Awarded:**

At least two scholarships will be awarded annually, one from each scholarship category. The amounts will be determined by the State Executive Council and will depend upon availability of funds and applications submitted. The Missouri State Executive Council shall adjust the number of scholarships according to the funds available.

### **Payment of Scholarship Funds:**

Scholarship payments are made directly to the financial aid office of the selected college or university. Payments are sent in the month of August, pending the receipt of required documents each year. Two-year scholarships are paid in two annual payments of \$500 or \$250 each. Scholarships are paid in annual payments of \$500 until the total amount has been expended. Verification showing the completed enrollment and fall semester class schedule at the university of the recipient's choice and updated contact information should be sent to the state office annually by **August 1**. The award will be paid after the recipient's enrollment has been completed as stipulated in the State Bylaws and the FCCLA Scholarship policies.

Failure to provide the necessary documentation as required will result in forfeit of scholarship for that semester.

The Missouri Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (MAFCS) scholarship will be payable over a period of four years. Specific information on these payments will be made available to the recipient by the Executive Director of the MAFCS organization.

### **Scholarship Policies:**

1. There is no limit to the number of scholarship applications submitted by a chapter.
2. Members may apply for only one Missouri FCCLA scholarship.
3. The award shall be paid as stipulated above when enrollment has been completed in the college as selected by the recipient, and a written notice has been received by the state adviser.
4. The scholarship committee shall be named by the state director of family and consumer sciences education and state adviser of Missouri FCCLA. The committee shall review the qualifications and name the recipients and alternates for each recipient.

5. If the recipient is unable to accept the award, notification must be made to the state adviser prior to opening of the fall semester. The award shall then be given to the first alternate.

### **Qualifications and Procedures for FCCLA Scholarship Applicants:**

1. The completed Scholarship Application and transcripts are due in the state office by February 1.

The Scholarship Application Form must be submitted by the candidate and approved by the local FCCLA adviser.

A transcript must be uploaded with the application.

2. Each candidate:
  - a. shall be a member of an affiliated chapter of the Missouri Association FCCLA and shall have been an active member for at least two years;
  - b. shall be a senior in an accredited high school expecting to graduate at the end of the school year and shall rank scholastically in the upper one fourth of the class or have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale by the end of the first semester of the senior year;
  - c. shall have been enrolled in family and consumer sciences classes for at least two full semesters at the senior high level (9-12);
  - d. shall be planning to major in family and consumer sciences, family and consumer sciences education, or family and consumer sciences related occupations in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university if applying for the Family and Consumer Sciences Career Cluster Scholarship; or
  - e. shall be planning to enroll in a two-year or four-year degree program, and shall have exhibited outstanding leadership and participation in FCCLA programs and activities if applying for the Outstanding FCCLA Leadership Scholarship.

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Scholarship Application Signature Page**

We the undersigned attest that we have reviewed or have been made aware of the scholarship qualifications and procedures.

We attest that the information included in the scholarship application are correct.

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Applicant

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Date

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FCCLA Adviser/Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

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Date

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Parent/Guardian

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Date