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The FCCLA **Leadership Service in Action** program guides students to develop, plan, carry out, and evaluate projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Leadership Service in Action helps young people build skills for family, career, and community roles; provides youth-centered learning experiences related to Family and Consumer Sciences education; and encourages young people to develop the positive character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Leadership Service in Action

Service learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community with curriculum-based learning, resulting in very real student learning in areas such as applied academics, career preparation, character development, and technical skills. According to the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse, "service learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities."

The key difference between community service and service learning is that community service primarily has the purpose of meeting the needs of others and bettering the community, while service learning enhances the community through the service provided, but it also has powerful learning consequences for the students providing the service.

Partners

- Lead2Feed, www.lead2feed.org
- SeaWorld, seaworld.myactions.org
- The Allstate Foundation

Awards

FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete the Leadership Service in Action projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Conference, online, and in *Teen Times* magazine for the top chapters. Chapters apply online for recognition for their hard work and innovative projects with the National Leadership Service in Action Program Award Application.

Leadership Service in Action cash awards

- High School Award — \$1,000
- Middle School Award — \$1,000
- Runner-Up Award — \$500

Deadline: Award Applications must be submitted online by March 1. The online award system will automatically close March 1, 5:00 PM EST.