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Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS)

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Through FACTS, FCCLA members learn the realities of traffic safety, and they discover that traffic safety is a family affair. Children first learn basic safety skills and attitudes in families. Crashes deeply affect families, and FCCLA members can help families emphasize safety and avoid related concerns through the FACTS program. Through FACTS projects, they reach their peers, children, and adults with traffic safety messages and activities. FCCLA addresses safety-related issues as an integral part of Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Safety is an essential part of parenting and family roles and touches on child development, consumer issues, resource management, family services, personal and family wellness, interpersonal relationships, and more, all supported by the FACTS program.

The teen years are an ideal time to establish sound traffic safety habits to last a lifetime. FACTS gives teens the facts and incentives they need to build an understanding of what it means to drive safely, both today and in the future. Through this program, young people plan and carry out projects that help them and their peers make informed, responsible decisions about traffic safety.

FACTS projects relate to three topic areas:

People – to understand and promote your role as a driver or passenger and keep yourself and others safe

Vehicles – to understand vehicle safety and the role it plays in safety for you and others

Roads – to understand and promote your role on the road as well as the safety hazards you may encounter and how to avoid or react to them

Partners

- Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility, www.responsibility.org
- Ford Driving Skills for Life, www.drivingskillsforlife.com
- Local law enforcement, fire fighters, and medical personnel
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), www.nhtsa.gov
- State Farm, www.statefarm.com

Awards

FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete FACTS 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 may submit a description of their innovative projects for award consideration via the National Program Summary Report Form available on the FCCLA national website under the Awards tab.

FACTS 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.