

Career and Technical Student Organizations

All students in career and technical programs have an opportunity to develop and extend their learning through participation in active Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). The program of work for each organization should be based on instructional competencies and be an integral part of the program. Any student enrolled in a career and technical course is eligible for membership in the career and technical student organization associated with that program.

CTSOs develop character, citizenship, technical, leadership, and teamwork skills essential for students who are preparing for the workforce and further education. They enhance students' civic awareness and provide opportunities for developing social competencies and a wholesome attitude about living and working.



SkillsUSA is a partnership of high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, skilled service and health occupations. Teachers and industry representatives work together with students to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

State Web site: <http://www.skillsusanc.org/>
National Web site: <http://www.skillsusa.org/>



The mission of **DECA** is to enhance the co-curricular education of students with interests in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. DECA helps students develop skills and competence for marketing careers, build self-esteem, experience leadership and practice community involvement. DECA is committed to the advocacy of marketing and the growth of business and education partnerships.

State Website: <http://www.ncdeca.org/>
National Website: <http://www.deca.org/>



HOSA provides career opportunities in the health care industry and enhances the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult and collegiate students enrolled in health science technology education programs.

State Website: <http://www.nchosa.org/>
National Website: <http://www.hosa.org>



FFA serves students enrolled in Agricultural Education courses in both public and private schools in grades 7-12. The North Carolina FFA Association is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural Education.

State Website: <http://www.ncffa.org/>
National Website: <http://www.ffa.org/>



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America - FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Everyone is part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. FCCLA members strive to make a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work, and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

State Website: <http://www.ncfccla.com/>
National Website: <http://www.fcclainc.org>



Future Business Leaders of America (NC FBLA)

is an organization that serves students who are or have been enrolled in a Business Education course. NC FBLA is affiliated with FBLA-PBL, which is a national organization. The mission of NC FBLA is to help build and sustain Business Education programs of excellence in order to serve our communities, state, and nation.

State Website: <http://ncfbla.org/>
National Website: <http://www.fbla-pbl.org/>