

Middle School Affiliation:

This summer the National FCCLA Board of Directors passed a new pilot membership rate for 100% Middle Level Affiliation for our middle level chapters. The 100% Middle Level Affiliation option allows Middle School FCCLA Advisers to affiliate all middle grade students who are currently taking, or have previously taken, a Family and Consumer Sciences course for one national flat rate. **The national rate is \$250. The state rate is \$125.** This pilot affiliation rate is available this year.

Please note: Not all middle schools should be set up as 100% middle level. If the chapter anticipates having less than 27 members, then it may be more beneficial to continue with regular affiliation (per member rate = National dues = \$9.00 and State dues = \$5.00 per person) remember, advisers should affiliate in order to access the FCCLA portal.

Also, please note this might be a great opportunity to partner with local businesses and organizations, who support your program to request they sponsor your chapter by funding the affiliation flat fee.

To take advantage of the 100% Middle Level Affiliation if you have more than 27 members:

1. Log-in to the portal and review your Chapter Membership Type. Click on the Chapter Information tab to locate how your chapter is currently set up. If your state offers 100% Middle Level Affiliation and you would like to switch Chapter Membership Type, contact your state association to change it **before** affiliating. Contact Jenny Watson (jlwatson2@wsfcs.k12.nc.us).

How to change membership types: (this must be done by the state office) **You need to let me know if you plan to affiliate this way so that I can make the change for you. Contact Jenny Watson at jlwatson2@wsfcs.k12.nc.us**

2. Consider fundraising or finding a sponsor to cover the fee. You may have your officers present to local chambers of commerce, your business and industry advisory council, credit unions or banks, restaurants or restaurant associations, Farm Bureaus, or PTAs. Have them present on the impact of FCS and FCCLA on their college and career readiness and how sponsoring the chapter will enhance the impact on more students in their community.

3. Affiliate! Be sure to affiliate all eligible students. You may find it easier to upload a spreadsheet to the portal- rather than one member at a time. Use the FCCLA Chapter Member CSV Template located on the [Join FCCLA](#) page of the website to gather members information for the upload. If you need help, please contact your state adviser. **Middle School National dues = \$250 and NC Middle School State dues = \$125 (this covers all students that take your middle school FCS classes.**