

North Carolina FCCLA Middle School Affiliation:

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: This may not be the best affiliation method for all middle school chapters. If the chapter anticipates having less than 27 members, then it may be more beneficial to continue with regular affiliation, and remember advisers should affiliate in order to access the FCCLA portal. Regular affiliation is \$9.00 per student in National dues, and \$5.00 per student in NC state dues.

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.

Follow these steps 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 you would like to switch your Chapter Membership Type, contact Catie Lewis, NC FCCLA Executive Director, to change it **before** affiliating at nfccla@fclainc.org. Changing membership types must be done at the state level.
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 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 under the Resources section on the National FCCLA website [here](#). If you need assistance, please reach out to Catie Lewis, NC FCCLA Executive Director, at nfccla@fclainc.org.

Middle School Affiliation Dues Breakdown:

National dues = \$250.00

North Carolina dues = \$125.00

Total dues = \$375.00

*ALL students that take your middle school FCS classes will be covered.