



SECTION 7 - CEREMONIES

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FCCLA OPENING CEREMONY

President:

Gives a rap with the gavel signaling the officers and members to stand then begins the meeting by stating, "We are members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Our mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education."

Officers:

Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation."

Members:

As we work toward the accomplishment of our goals, we learn cooperation, take responsibility, develop leadership, and give service."

President:

This meeting of the _____ Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now in session. You may be seated."

BRIEF FCCLA OPENING CEREMONY

The following is a short alternative opening ceremony.

President:

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FCCLA CLOSING CEREMONY

President:

Members, please stand. FCCLA members, we are challenged to accept the responsibility of making decisions that affect our lives today and the world tomorrow. Let us repeat our Creed.”

**Members:
[Repeat Creed]**

CREED

We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

For we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values.

For we are the builders of homes,

Homes for America’s future,

Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair,

Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities, not dreams.

We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

President:

This meeting of the _____ Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now adjourned.” (Raps gavel.)

Brief FCCLA Closing Ceremony

The following is a short alternative closing ceremony.

President:

Members, please stand. FCCLA members are challenged to make a difference in the world by making decisions daily to assume responsibilities in their personal growth, family life, community involvement, and career and technical education. This meeting of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is now adjourned.” (Raps gavel.)



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FCCLA DISTRICT INSTALLATION CEREMONY

President:

The _____ District of Family Career and Community Leaders of America is in regular session to install our officers and to explain to them the duties and responsibilities they are about to assume. We have before us the light of Consumer and Family Studies—a light which radiates throughout the world. This is the light of our ideals, our purposes which enables us to make our home, community, and nation a happier place in which to live.

(As each purpose is read, a candle is lit from the center red candle.)

The first candle is lit to symbolize our first purpose—to provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.

The second candle is lit to symbolize our second purpose—to strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.

The third candle is lit to symbolize our third purpose—to encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.

The fourth candle is lit to symbolize our fourth purpose—to encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.

The fifth candle is lit to symbolize our fifth purpose—to promote a greater understanding between youth and adults.

The sixth candle is lit to symbolize our sixth purpose—to provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.

The seventh candle is lit to symbolize our seventh purpose—to prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.

The last candle is lit to symbolize our eighth and final purpose—to promote Family and Consumer Sciences and related occupations.

President: The following officers have been elected to serve the _____ FCCLA district for the _____ school term. Will the following newly elected officers please come forward?

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Historian:

Parliamentarian:

Reporter:

Vice President of Recreation:

Vice President of Conferences:

Senior Officers:

The officers elect must realize that the highest honors of the organization are being bestowed upon them, and that the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America have faith and confidence in their ability to lead the organization onward. The pledge of their office signifies their willingness to do this. You will repeat after me: **“I solemnly promise that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully perform all the duties belonging to the office for which I have been selected.”**

President: You have heard the pledge that the officers have made. It is important that each member assist these officers in the performance of their duties. Will the President-elect please come forward? The office of President is one of great responsibility because the success of this organization depends to a great extent on the attitude and skill of the presiding officer. You will want to be pleasant, firm, impartial, considerate, and a true friend to every member of the organization. As incoming President of the _____ FCCLA District, are you familiar with your duties as stated in the constitution?

President-elect: Yes, I am familiar with my duties. They are: presiding over the district, appointing all committees, and serving as an ex-officio member on them.

President: Will the Vice President-elect come forward? As Vice President of the _____ district, are you familiar with your duties as stated in the constitution?

Vice President-elect: Yes, I am familiar with my duties. They are to assist the President in all her/his services, and in her/his absence, I will take the place as President. I will know all her/his duties and responsibilities.

President: Will the Secretary-elect come forward? It is your duty to keep accurate records of all proceedings of the organization. The members have indicated faith in your carefulness in keeping these records. Are you familiar with your duties as stated in the bylaws?

Secretary-elect: Yes, my duties are to keep an accurate record of the regular meetings and of the Executive Council meetings or any other meetings held.

President: Will the Treasurer-elect please come forward? Are you familiar with your duties?

Treasurer-elect: As the Treasurer, my duties are to keep a record of receipts and disbursements, to report the financial status of the organization at each meeting, to compile a list of activities by which the district can raise funds, and to serve as a member of the finance committee.

President: Will the Reporter-elect please come forward? Are you familiar with your duties?

Reporter-elect: It is my duty to act as a publicity manager. It will be my duty to inform the public of the activities of the _____ district.

President: Will the Historian-elect please come forward? Are you familiar with your duties?

Historian-elect: It is my duty to compile a scrapbook and keep an accurate history of our district organization.

President: Will the Parliamentarian-elect please come forward? Are you familiar with your duties as stated in the constitution?

Parliamentarian-elect: The responsibility of this office is to advise the district officers and advisers on parliamentary law at all district meetings.

President: Will the Vice President of Recreation-elect please come forward? Are you familiar with your duties as stated in the constitution?

Vice President of Recreation-elect: The responsibilities of this office are to plan recreational activities for members who attend our district meetings and conferences.

President: Will the Vice President of Conferences-elect please come forward? Are you familiar with your duties as stated in the constitution?

Vice President of Conference-elect: I am to coordinate activities and agendas for all district conferences including workshops, STAR events, and officer training.

President: Will the Senior Officer-elect please come forward? Are you familiar with your duties as stated in the constitution?

Senior Officer-elect: I shall serve as an ex-officio member and assist the district President in all her/his duties.

Retiring address by the President.

President: I now relinquish the position of President to our new President, under whose guidance our organization will make progress.

New President: Will everyone please rise and join us in reciting our Creed? (Creed is recited.)

New President: The installation Ceremony for the _____ FCCLA District is now adjourned. (Rap gavel.)

