



## GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To whom it may concern:

After much discussion between the Georgia FCCLA State Office and our Culinary Consultant, Georgia FCCLA has decided on the following for Baking and Pastry and Culinary Arts STAR Events.

**Georgia FCCLA Region and State Competition:**

For all Georgia FCCLA Baking and Pastry and Culinary Arts STAR Events, chapters will compete with a **three (3) student team** for their competition. This includes **Region and State STAR Events competitions**. The menus that have been created by our Culinary Consultant will be made with three (3) student member teams in mind.

**National FCCLA's National Leadership Conference Competition:**

National FCCLA's Baking and Pastry and Culinary Arts STAR Events will be an **individual competition**. At State Leadership Conference, the chapter with the highest score in the Baking and Pastry and Culinary Arts STAR Events will have the opportunity to send **their three (3) student team as individual competitors** to compete on behalf of Georgia FCCLA at the National Leadership Conference. If not all three (3) students would like to compete individually at National Leadership Conference, we will have the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams to serve as alternates. The State Office will notify these chapters as soon as the decision has been made. The Georgia FCCLA Culinary Consultant will work with the chapter members who are advancing to Nationals on transitioning from a team event to an individual event.

**Rationale:**

Georgia FCCLA always strives to provide as many competitive event and leadership opportunities to our affiliated members as possible. The State Office and Culinary Consultant felt that these two (2) specific competitions were a disservice to our students by not allowing multiple students the chance to compete. Soft skills like teamwork, communication and time management within a group setting is vital for our students to be successful post-high school and a three (3) student team allows for these skills to be developed. The costs associated with these two (2) specific competitions is much higher than others and we see the benefit to Culinary Arts teachers to use funds for these competitions for three (3) students instead of one (1).

If you have any questions or concerns about the Baking and Pastry or Culinary Arts STAR Event competitions on the Region, State or National level, please feel free to reach out to the Georgia FCCLA Culinary Arts Consultant, Debra Stevens, at [dstevens7254@gmail.com](mailto:dstevens7254@gmail.com).

Thank you,

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