

## **MIDDLE LEVEL AFFILIATION PROGRAM**

This year, Missouri is once again participating in the Middle Level Affiliation Program as approved by the National Board of Directors. In this program, middle level chapters may affiliate for a set dues amount, affiliating as many students as possible. To determine if your chapter is eligible to participate, refer to the following guidelines:

1. Those in grade 8 and below enrolled in a family and consumer sciences course of a semester or less, are eligible for chapter affiliation.
2. The affiliation fee of \$550 (\$450 national dues, \$100 state dues) entitles the chapter to receive 35 copies of *Teen Times* (classroom set), 125 membership cards, and 50 Missouri membership pins. Additional membership cards will be provided upon request by national headquarters.
3. Chapters are tied to the teacher. If there is more than one teacher in the school, each may have a chapter, or materials can be sent to one teacher to share with others.
4. In schools with grades 6-12, only those in grade 8 or lower are eligible for the chapter membership. Others may join as individuals.
5. Chapter membership for grades 8 and below is optional. Those schools with small enrollments may want to continue to affiliate individual members.
6. If a chapter is affiliated, any member of that chapter may participate in any national or state FCCLA program. Verification of their enrollment in the class will be required.
7. For determining STAR Events eligibility, advisors will be asked to include a computer generated class roster with the STAR events registration form.
8. Teachers will be asked to provide their enrollment figures for the year when dues are paid so an approximate membership count is available.
9. For purposes of determining voting delegate strength, chapters affiliated through this pilot program will be assumed to have 50 members.
10. Regional and local chapter dues are not included in the \$500 chapter affiliation fee.