

Get Started with FCA Campus Ministry

Here are the steps you'll need to follow to start an FCA Ministry on your campus. There are many ministry types to choose from.

Groundwork:

1. Pray for God to prepare your campus.
2. Visit <http://FCACampus101.com> to learn more about FCA and the specific type of ministry you'd like to start.
3. Select which Ministry Type(s) meets the needs of your campus. (Huddle, Team Bible Study, Chaplain Program, Coaches Bible Study)
4. Seek your Administration's blessing.
5. [As a Campus Ministry Sponsor, fill out the Ministry Leader Application \(MLA\) online.](#) Go to www.panhandlefca.org and click on Ministry Leader Application link under Quick Links.
6. Complete the [Request to Certify your Campus](#) by going to the same website, www.panhandlefca.org and click on the Certify a Huddle link under Quick Links. Campus certification is completed by the Area Director and cannot be done until an adult leader's MLA has been completed.

Adult Sponsorship Team:

1. Find one other person to be a co-ministry leader with you. Ask them to also complete a Ministry Leader Application (MLA) online (see instructions above). FCA would like to have at least two (2) current MLAs for each campus ministry.
2. Recruit other coaches, teachers, administrators, and parents to be a part of the Adult Sponsorship Team for your campus. They don't need to complete an MLA, but you do need to know they are committed to helping you.
3. Meet with your Team and ask for their input on who to invite to be Student Leaders for your campus ministry. This Student Leadership Team is critical for a successful campus huddle. Also, decide on the location for your huddle meetings. The most preferred location is a school gym.

Student Leadership Team:

1. Once you and your adult team have compiled a list of prospective student leaders, begin the process of asking those students to be on your Student Leadership Team. Understand that you always put together your Student Leadership Team by personal, one-on-one, invitation. Student leaders are never elected. Plus, you don't give students positions on your team such as President, Vice President, Secretary, etc. Every member is simply a "**member**" of the student leadership team.
2. Give them a copy of the Student Leader Application, which you can find by going online to www.panhandlefca.org, and clicking on the Student Leadership Application link (SLA) under Quick Links. The most important criteria for being a student leader is they must be a Christian and have asked Jesus Christ into their life. If they don't have a personal testimony, don't ask them to be a leader. They need to be able to agree and sign the SLA.
3. Once you've assembled this team, have a joint meeting with them and your adult team. Invite local FCA staff if you like. Decide how frequently your huddle will meet; what day of the week and time you will hold meetings; and assign each student leader a responsibility for the huddle meetings. Then plan a "kick-off" meeting where you'll invite the entire student body to attend and learn about FCA Huddle. Let local FCA staff assist you and guide you as you move forward!