



June 20, 2023

**TO:** State Presidents  
State Presidents Elect  
National FCE Board

**FROM:** Bonnie Teeples, 2023 Annual Conference Chair

**Come to National FCE Conference to “Empowering Volunteers...Celebrating our Past!”**

Join in the celebration at the National FCE Conference in Erlanger, KY!!! There will be great general sessions with dynamic speakers, two new Hearth Fire lessons/workshops, two new FCL Training workshops, new ideas from other attendees, some fun entertainment and of course, time to renew old acquaintances and make new friends as you attend!

The National FCE Board has approved a LOWER conference rate from earlier years! Conference fees are \$300 this year! And the FCL Benefit night has been changed and is now included in your conference rate. These are very positive moves by the National Board, and it is hoped the changes will encourage more members be able to attend. The sleeping room rate is very low, \$119 per night for 1-4 people. There is a rebate being given to the organization of \$5.00 per room night to offset the costs of the conference.

I encourage each of you to register for the 2023 conference and then to become an active supporter of some of the conference activities by serving as a Hostess, donating to the Silent Auction, participating in the Alumni Fundraiser by donating a small quilted item to be auctioned off (more information later in this letter) and/or by placing an ad in the Conference Program Book. I especially encourage you to complete and return the enclosed forms by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please make copies of this letter (or send an electronic copy) and disseminate the information to your members.

**HOSTESSES:** One hostess is needed for each workshop. Each meal function and general session will have 2-4 hostesses. Showing up on time, smiling, greeting everyone, and checking for tickets or nametags is all the talent that is required. If you have these qualifications, or know of someone who does, please ask them to become a hostess, or why not just volunteer? Please let your members know about becoming a Hostess. Duplicate the enclosed form as often as needed, fill it out and return to the person or persons listed on the form. Emailing your filled in forms is encouraged.

**ADS FOR CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK:** National FCE is encouraging individuals, states, counties, clubs, and businesses to place an ad in the 2023 Conference Program Book. A form is enclosed with the necessary information for you to complete and return. This is your opportunity to promote your state organization or business on a national level. Please also ask your local businesses and encourage them to advertise in our National Program book.

**SILENT AUCTION:** Every state is encouraged to contribute 2 items worth at least \$20 (or more) each for the FCE Coupon Auction. Send your auction forms to Susan Martell, National FCE Treasurer. This auction will be conducted in the same manner as past year's, by purchasing tickets to place in jars. Let Susie and I

know how many items you will be bringing and the approximate size of each item so there will be adequate table space. Susie's contact information is on the Silent Auction form.

**SERVICE PROJECT:** The 2023 service project is to bring a selection of Feminine Hygiene products such as small packages of sanitary products, feminine wipes, general toiletries like hand sanitizer, small hand cream tubes. Gift cards like VISA and Master Charge are great also.

**SALES TABLES:** Many states have fundraisers, such as a cookbook, quilt or other items they sell to raise money for their community projects. We are offering table space for the sale of your fundraiser items. **The state purchasing a table is responsible for collecting money from sales and manning the table.** Categories include: State, County, Club, Individual FCE Member or Corporate business. Prices are listed on the enclosed form. All money and the original form go to the National FCE Treasurer, with a copy of the form to Bonnie Teeple, the On-Site Committee Chair. (Email the form to personnel listed below)

**PRESIDENT'S DAY: All conference attendees** will have the opportunity to go on the tour on Thursday. We will return around 2:30 pm, and the State Presidents, Presidents Elect and appointed delegates will meet at 3:00 pm for the Presidents Meeting and practice for the Presentation of the Presidents and National FCE Board. The Presidents, Presidents Elect or appointed delegate will be at 6:30 pm for dinner with the National FCE Board.

**ALUMNI FUNDRAISER:** Small Quilted Items - such as table runners, potholders, wallets, purses, tote bags, and mini quilts - will be displayed for a Silent Auction during the conference in Erlanger – money collected will go towards the National FCE Board Alumni Scholarship Fund for First Timers to conference. If you want to contribute one or more quilted items for the auction, they can be brought to the conference with you or mailed to Martha Crawford. For more information contact Alumni Officers Denise Smith or Martha Crawford. Please find their contact information on nafce.org

**TOUR:** A tour is being offered by the National Board again this year!! It will be on Thursday August 3, 2023. We will leave the hotel at 9:00 AM. Our trip this year will take us to the Cincinnati Union Station Museum Center. You will have your choice of the general admission ticket with the added Holocaust Museum and Humanities Center, or the general admission with the added Omni-Max Theater. Depending upon show times you may be able to add the Omni-Max Theater to your day also! Attendees will need to choose so I can book the Omni Max theater tickets in advance. Your general admission ticket will get you into the Childrens Museum, the Museum on Natural History and Science, and the Cincinnati History Museum. There are two restaurants, 'Nourish 513' and 'Beansprouts', also available is an ice cream parlor and two coffee shops that also serve snacks. You will be on your own for lunch at the museum. Whichever feature and place to eat you choose you will have an enjoyable time!

We look forward to hearing from you and, especially, to seeing you at the National FCE Conference as **we "Empower Volunteers...Celebrating our Past"** in Erlanger KY!! Thank you in advance for all your help and participation at this great National FCE Conference! **Please share this information with your state members.**



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