

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What is Florida Citizens for Social Reform?

Florida Citizens for Social Reform (FCSR) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit membership organization founded in 2004 by individuals who have common goals in the area of social betterment.

FCSR is an advocacy group that gives a powerful voice to citizens who are concerned with the rising economic and social costs of handling illiteracy, moral decay, drug abuse and crime.

FCSR is a focal point for change. We unite, coordinate and mobilize individuals as well as like-minded groups to take action.

Q: What are the fundamental positions of FCSR?

We believe that public policy should support social programs that produce measurable results. We also believe that social betterment programs should be an investment in an individual and not simply a handout. To that end, we support activities that empower a person to succeed in life. Self-respect and a skill are more valuable than a lifetime of welfare or a state imposed dependency. Our definition for “best practice” derives from this concept of increasing one’s ability to function as a contributing member of society independent of government or community support.

Q: What are the Main Activities of FCSR?

FCSR sponsors forums, publishes educational materials and meets with community leaders, government officials and lawmakers. We encourage citizens to take an active role in their government.

Q: What is FCSR trying to accomplish?

FCSR seeks to create community and government support for social betterment programs that effectively restore initiative and create more personal freedom to those individuals who are participants in these programs. In accomplishing its long-term mission, FCSR seeks to save tax dollars by reducing the need for government spending to handle these social problems.

Q: What Areas of Social Reform does FCSR deal with?

- Literacy Improvement and Learning Skills
- Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment
- Human Rights
- Criminal Rehabilitation & Job Skill Training
- Character Development & Morals

Q: What is Expected of an FCSR Member?

We’d like you to be a registered voter and make sure you vote, regardless of your political persuasion or view.

If you choose, there are many ways to help. These include encouraging others to join FCSR; attending FCSR events and briefings; helping with fundraising efforts; participating in phone trees; assisting with “get out the vote drives”; and communicating with your elected officials to gain support on important issues.

FCSR volunteers also have the opportunity to attend conferences and seminars, conduct research on social reform issues, assist in the planning of grassroots events and mobilization efforts, contribute to various publications, host events, and provide general office support.

Q: Is FCSR affiliated with a political party?

No, FCSR is non-partisan, and is concerned only with issues. FCSR does not endorse or support candidates for elected office.

Q: Will I need to attend a lot of meetings?

No, there are no weekly or monthly meeting requirements. There will be events and briefings from time to time, and you may wish to attend these in order to stay on top of what is happening in the community and the state. However, your attendance is voluntary.

Q: How is FCSR funded?

FCSR is a membership organization and its income is derived primarily from its annual membership dues. FCSR will also attempt to generate support, including financial, from any sector of the community including private businesses and foundations concerned with societal decline.

Q: What are the membership levels of FCSR?

Joining FCSR means that an individual understands and supports our goals and activities.

Levels of membership are as follows:

Associate Member - \$50 and less* annual dues

Membership includes invitation to all FCSR events and basic mailings. (*Student groups and some non-profits are offered reduced group or individual membership rates.)

General Member - \$100 annual dues

Membership includes membership card, invitation to all FCSR events and basic mailings.

Contributing Member - \$500 annual dues

Membership includes membership card, plaque, invitation to all FCSR events, invitations to special events, and introductions to key elected officials.

Founding Member - \$1000 annual dues

Membership includes membership card, plaque, invitations to special events, invitations to fundraisers, introductions to key elected officials. A spouse may be added at this level for \$500.00.

Council of Governors - \$5000 and more annual dues

Membership includes membership card, plaque, seat on the Council of Governors, recognition at FCSR events, invitations to special events, invitations to fundraisers, private meetings and briefings with key elected officials. COG members also have the opportunity to host special private briefings at their homes. (COG membership must be approved by the Executive Board of FCSR.)

Q: Are my contributions or membership fees tax deductible?

No, contributions to this type of organization are not tax deductible, per the Internal Revenue Code.

Q: Can I make extra donations to FCSR?

Yes, you can do this by increasing your membership level, or by simply making an additional contribution.

Q: Is FCSR affiliated with the Church of Scientology?

No. While FCSR was originally founded by Scientologists concerned with the rising economic and social costs of ineffective social programs, any individual is welcome to join provided they wish to support FCSR's activities and goals. FCSR is not affiliated with the Church of Scientology.

Q: Will there be other chapters of FCSR in Florida?

Yes, FCSR chapters will be established across the state. FCSR's scope encompasses the political process at all levels of government.

Q: How will I be kept informed about issues and activities?

In addition to FCSR events and briefings that will be held throughout the year, the FCSR website at www.floridacsr.org, will provide a forum to learn about FCSR, as well as find out about issues, programs, legislation, upcoming events and more.

Q: How do I join FCSR?

Simply fill out a membership application, available at any FCSR event. Soon you will be able to enroll online at www.FloridaCSR.org or by contacting FCSR at (727) 441-3277