

## FHA-HERO OVERVIEW

Future Homemakers of America and Home Economics Related Occupations is the Applied Technology Leadership Organization for Family and Consumer Sciences. Contained in the next few pages are the basics of FHA-HERO, however, it is imperative to obtain the FHA-HERO handbook available from National Headquarters: Future Homemakers of America, Inc. 1910 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091. The cost will be approximately \$15-\$20.

Changes in the organization are made annually at the National convention held each July. It will be necessary to update the information in this curriculum guide following each convention.

FHA-HERO has a mission statement, motto, colors, a flower, an emblem, a creed and eight purposes that identify what the organization is about. Understanding an organization's values, purposes, and goals is an integral part of being a productive chapter. You may organize a FHA or HERO chapter associated with your Interior Design classes. See the FHA Chapter Handbook listed above for more information on how to organize your chapter.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To promote personal growth and leadership development through home economics education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family members, wage earner, and community leader, members develop skills for life through: character development; creative and critical thinking; interpersonal communication; practical knowledge; and vocational preparation.

**MOTTO:** "Toward New Horizons"

**COLORS:** Red and white. Red suggests strength, courage, and determination. White symbolizes sincerity of purpose and integrity of action.

**FLOWER:** Red rose—a symbol representing a desire for joy in everyday living.

**EMBLEM:** The FHA-HERO emblem is octagonal, representing the eight FHA-HERO purposes. The name of the organization forms the upper part of the border and the motto forms the lower part. The letters FHA-HERO in the center represent the words Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations. The rays represent outreach into the community and the world. The colors of the emblem are the organization's colors—red and white.

**CREED:** We are the Future Homemakers of American.  
We are members of FHA and HERO chapters.  
We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

For we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values.  
For we are the builders of homes,  
Homes for America's future,  
Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is  
good and fair,  
Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities,  
not dreams.

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**POWER OF ONE:**

This is a non-competitive program that gives students recognition for self-improvement. It is a beneficial part of any chapter. The five areas of achievement are: A Better You, Family Ties, Working on Working, Taking the Lead, Speaking Out for FHA.

**PEER EDUCATION:**

This is a program that focuses on chapter development in various areas. The one most relevant to Interior Design is Project 2000. Contact the state or national organization for more information.

**PURPOSES:**

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
2. To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.
3. To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.
4. To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
5. To promote greater understanding between youth and adults.
6. To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.
7. To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
8. To promote home economics, home economics careers, and related occupations.