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MD FBLA



Succeed in Competitive Events

Nervous about competing against other members from across the state at the State Leadership Conference? Don't worry, there's help! Visit www.mdfbla.org for a document that makes competitive events easy.

What you and your Chapter Should be Doing

- **SLC—Hurry and register for the State Leadership Conference!** Talk to your advisor about attending and register by March 6th.
- **Competitions—If you are competing at the State Leadership Conference, make sure you are preparing!** Perform well to earn recognition, scholarships, and the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference this summer in Anaheim, California.
- **Communication—Contact State Officers with any questions you may have about the State Leadership Conference.** State Officers are here to help!

Walkersville FBLA Fundraiser

The Walkersville High School FBLA Chapter decided to engage a fundraiser with the American Cancer Society to help cancer patients and cancer research around our area. Many loved ones have been affected, so we all pulled together as a community to raise as much money as possible. Many generous contributions were made, and the total contributions were \$675. Our goal was \$500. We plan to double our fundraising expectations next year. Thank you to all who helped!

- Gloria Majchrzak, Walkersville FBLA Secretary

State Leadership Conference Rapidly Approaching! Register Now

It's March! You know what that means...Time for the State Leadership Conference. The State Leadership Conference will be held March 26th to March 28th at the Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn. Regular Registration ends March 6th. Regular registration rates are as follows:

Single \$330 (Advisors only)
Double \$240
Triple \$210
Quad \$195

Students registering for the conference must have paid State and National dues for prior to registering. Please note the National FBLA deadline for dues for competing at the National Leadership Conference is March 1, 2009.

Registration must be completed by March 6th. Modifications including substitutions, additions, and deletions can be made to prior registrations through March 6th. From March 7th until March 13th, only name changes and substitutions can be made.

Payments must be made by March 13th. Payments made after the deadline are subject to a \$50 late fee.

For more information on registration, modifications, payment, or the tentative agenda for the State Leadership Conference, refer to the website at www.mdfbla.org.

Apply and Campaign to be Elected to a State Officer Position

Do you hold an office in your local chapter? Do you want to take your leadership to the next level? **Running for state office** is a great experience, and if you are elected a state officer, you will experience and learn so much more. Applications can be found online. You must hurry though, because **the application must be received by March 6th**. See www.mdfbla.org for more details.

State Officers Begin 1st Ever MD FBLA State Chapter Annual Business Report

Your Maryland FBLA State Officer Team has decided to compile Maryland FBLA's first State Chapter Annual Business Report this year. With assistance from the board of directors, the officer team has begun drafting a comprehensive, 20+ page report of this year's activities. The report will be submitted in early May for review at the national level.

The officers are excited about this initiative as it will provide a framework and aid future State Officer teams in their compilation of the State Chapter Annual Business Report. Many of the sections request information on local chapter activities, so the officers encourage you to submit information on your local chapter, such as communication with business professionals, assistance to March of Dimes, Go Green and American Enterprise activities, local chapter websites and newsletters, or any other information you wish to share.