

State Leadership Conference

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California Future Business Leaders of America

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California Future Business Leaders of America invites you to our premiere event of the year – the State Leadership Conference! Join over 2,300 FBLA students from across the state in the magical city of Anaheim.

DATES:	April 9–12, 2026
LOCATION:	Hilton Anaheim 777 W Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802
CONFERENCE FEES:	\$170* per FBLA Student \$60* per FBLA Adviser / Chaperone <i>* If not lodging in an official FBLA conference hotel, conference fees are \$200 per student and \$90 per adviser/chaperone.</i>
HOTEL LODGING FEES:	\$768 per room (3 nights, Check In April 9, Check out April 12)

As a conference attendee, take advantage of everything this experience has to offer:

- **Leadership and Career Sessions** – Learn from today’s business leaders what it takes to be successful in the business world and in life.
- **Engagement Activities** – Network with other FBLA students from around the state and engage in fun, interactive activities.
- **Competition** – Compete in business competitions with California’s best and brightest by demonstrating your skills in business and leadership events.
- **Recognition** – Receive awards for competitive events and recognition for all the hard work and effort your chapter has invested in your FBLA experience this year.
- **Travel** Explore local – Enhance your experience in Anaheim by visiting the local theme parks, Downtown Disney, etc.

Who to Contact Management Team



SEND US AN EMAIL
SLC@cafbla.org



GIVE US A CALL
714-824-4489
(8:00 AM- 5:00 PM)



LIVE CHAT WITH US
Visit www.cafbla.org
(9:00 AM- 5:00 PM)



SEND PAYMENTS TO
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(Credit cards also accepted)

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Please notify your Section Adviser if a qualifying competitor is not planning to attend the conference, so that the next qualifying competitor can move up. Your Section Adviser are also excellent resources for tips and best practices for chapters attending the conference.

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Important Dates & Deadlines

DATE	ITEM OR ACTIVITY
February 9-27, 2026	<p>Conference + Hotel Registration Window [Registration: Blue Panda]</p>
February 13, 2026	<p>National Officer Candidate Application Deadline [Download Candidate Guide] Submit completed National Officer Application to Alyssa Gonzalez at StateDirector@cafbla.org</p>
February 20, 2026	<p>Production Test Registration [Blue Panda] <i>Complete proctor and competitor registration in Blue Panda. Completed tests must be submitted by March 6, 2026.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Applications
February 20, 2026	<p>Pre-Judged Competition Registration Deadline [Registration: Blue Panda] <i>All members who do not advance to the final round in any of the prejudged state events listed below can choose one of the "Starting at State" events listed on page 29. There are no refunds for the registration fees of individuals or teams who submit pre-judged materials and do not make the finals in that event.</i></p>
	<p>Pre-Judged Competition Materials Deadline [Submission: Blue Panda] <i>Refer to 2025-2026 California competitive event guidelines for more information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadcast Journalism • Business Ethics • Business Plan • Career Portfolio • Coding & Programming • Community Service Project • Computer Game & Simulation Programming • Data Analysis • Digital Animation • Digital Video Production • Event Planning • Financial Planning • Financial Statement Analysis • Future Business Educator • Graphic Design

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Important Dates & Deadlines

DATE	ITEM OR ACTIVITY
	<p>... CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Business Presentation • Introduction to Programming • Introduction to Social Media Strategy • Local Chapter Annual Business Report • Mobile Application Development • Public Service Announcement • Social Media Strategies • Supply Chain Management • Visual Design • Website Coding & Development • Website Design
February 27, 2026	<p>Student Affiliation Deadline <i>All Affiliation payments must be received by California FBLA by March 1st to be eligible to participate in SLC.</i></p> <p>Conference Registration + Hotel Reservation Deadline [Registration: Blue Panda]</p> <p>Accounting Transcripts Deadline [Submission: Blue Panda] <i>Submit transcripts for coursework verification for Accounting competitors.</i></p>
March 6, 2026	<p>Interview Materials Deadline [Submission: Blue Panda] <i>Refer to 2025-2026 California competitive event guidelines for more information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Business Leader • Job Interview <p>Production Test: Submission Deadline [Submission: See proctor instructions with tests]</p>
March 6, 2026	<p>State Officer Candidate Application Deadline (President, Secretary and Public Relations) [Download Candidate Guide] Submit completed application to Dr. Laurie Looker at stateofficersadviser@cafbla.org</p>

Important Dates & Deadlines

DATE	ITEM OR ACTIVITY
March 8, 2026	<p data-bbox="472 579 1516 653">L. Byram Bates Memorial Scholarship Deadline [Form]</p> <p data-bbox="472 688 1516 800">Who’s Who in California FBLA Nomination Deadline [Form] <i>Nominations made by Chapter Advisers.</i></p> <p data-bbox="472 825 1516 926">Local Chapter Adviser of the Year Nomination Deadline [Form] <i>Nominations made by FBLA students.</i></p>
March 15, 2026	<p data-bbox="472 940 1516 1014">State Individual Projects Deadline [FBLA Connect]</p> <ul data-bbox="472 1031 1516 1157" style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Literacy Project • EntrepreYOUrship Project • Leaders in Action Project • Professional Profile Project <p data-bbox="472 1178 1516 1251">State Chapter Projects Deadline [FBLA Connect]</p> <ul data-bbox="472 1268 1516 1392" style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt-a-Chapter Project • Government Awareness Project • Alzheimer’s Association Project • Green Initiative Project



Important Dates & Deadlines

DATE	ITEM OR ACTIVITY
<p>March 15, 2026</p>	<p>Conference Registration + Hotel Registration Payment Deadline [Payment Questions: Email finance@cafbla.org]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail check to: California FBLA Finance, PO Box 1440, Owasso, OK 74055 • Make payment by credit card: E-invoices will be emailed to advisers by March 6, 2026 and credit card payments are made via the e-invoice. <p>Conference Forms Deadline [Blue Panda] <i>Conference forms are required for all conference attendees.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit on Blue Panda: Form A: Chapter Statement of Assurance Form (Advisers Only) • Adviser collects from each attendee and keeps hard copies in their possession during the conference: Form B: Code of Conduct/Permission/Medical Release Form
<p>March 30, 2026</p>	<p>Objective Test Schedule Posted All objective tests at the State Leadership Conference will now be done by event, not by chapter. Competitors must bring their own devices to use for testing. [Posted: www.cafbla.org]</p> <p>California FBLA Gold Seal Recognition Deadline [FBLA Connect] <i>For Gold Seal recognition (awarded to the top 15% of chapters), complete the form in FBLA Connect to submit your Local Chapter Annual Business Report and confirm completion of requirements for this recognition.</i></p>

Tentative Schedule

Official Conference Schedule will be made available via the Conference App and is subject to change at the discretion of conference management.

Thursday | April 9, 2026

1:30 PM

CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS OPENS

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CHECK IN
(ADVISERS ONLY)

4:00 PM – 9:15 PM

OBJECTIVE TESTING

Final schedule will be posted on [the SLC page at cafbla.org](#) by March 30.

ROLE PLAY EVENTS TESTING

Banking & Financial Systems, Business Management, Customer Service, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality & Event Management, International Business, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Network Design, Parliamentary Procedure, Sports & Entertainment Management, Technology Support & Services

INTERVIEW EVENT TESTING

Future Business Leader

PERFORMANCE EVENT TESTING

Business Ethics

5:30 PM – 8:45 PM

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

STATE OFFICER CANDIDATES MEETING

Mandatory for ALL State and National Officer Candidates

10:30 PM

HOTEL CURFEW (IN YOUR OWN HOTEL)

11:00 PM – 6:00 AM

CURFEW (IN YOUR OWN ROOM)

Tentative Schedule

Friday | April 10, 2026

6:00 AM	IN-ROOM CURFEW ENDS
7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS OPEN
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CHECK IN (ADVISERS ONLY)
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	OPENING GENERAL SESSION <i>Welcome, Keynote Speaker, and Candidate Speeches</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	ADVISER MEETING (Option 1) <i>Advisers need to attend one general Adviser Meeting during SLC.</i>
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES <i>Campaign Booths, Leadership & Career Sessions, Exhibitors & Activities</i>
11:00 AM – 6:25 PM <i>Final schedule will be posted on the SLC page at cafbla.org by March 30.</i>	OBJECTIVE TESTING SESSION – BY EVENT
12:00 PM – 3:45 PM	PERFORMANCE EVENTS
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	ADVISERS MEETING (Option 2) <i>Advisers need to attend one general Adviser Meeting during SLC.</i>
4:00 PM – 7:15 PM	PERFORMANCE EVENTS
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	SECTION MEETINGS
10:30 PM	HOTEL CURFEW (IN YOUR OWN HOTEL)
11:00 PM – 6:00 AM	CURFEW (IN YOUR OWN ROOM)

Tentative Schedule

Saturday | April 11, 2026

6:00 AM	IN-ROOM CURFEW ENDS
7:00 AM – 4:30 PM	CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS OPEN
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	CAMPAIGN CAUCUS <i>All members welcome to attend.</i>
9:30 AM – 12:45 PM	PERFORMANCE EVENTS
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	VOTING SESSION <i>Voting delegates only (2 per chapter)</i>
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM <i>For team events, one plaque will be awarded on stage. Remaining plaques for teammates will be mailed to the school after SLC.</i>
10:30 PM	HOTEL CURFEW (IN YOUR OWN HOTEL)
11:00 PM – 6:00 AM	CURFEW (IN YOUR OWN ROOM)



Tentative Schedule

Sunday | April 12, 2026

6:00 AM

IN-ROOM CURFEW ENDS

Morning

CHAPTERS DEPART HOTEL FOR RETURN

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

For Outgoing State Officers and their Advisers, Board of Directors, and Management Team.



Ticket and Theme Park reservations required.

Convention Attendees

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To enter a theme park, Guests (ages 3 and older) need both valid admission and a theme park reservation for the same day and same park they want to visit. Park reservations are limited in number; subject to the availability of park reservations allocated to park tickets as determined by Disney, and theme park capacity; and are not guaranteed. Additional restrictions apply.

Note:

These special ticket prices are not available once you arrive at the Resort.

Our ticket store closes at 9:00pm PST on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Don't delay! Prices are subject to change without notice.

Conference Info & Opportunities

PARADE OF PRESIDENTS

The Parade of Presidents will be held during the Awards Session on Saturday evening. The local chapter president should be prepared to enter the stage to introduce themselves at the beginning of the awards. Parade of Presidents rehearsal will immediately follow the Opening Session Friday Morning.

VOTING DELEGATES

Two voting delegates from each chapter will participate in the voting delegates' session. Voting ribbons will be in the chapter registration packet and must be worn during the conference. On Saturday, The Campaign Caucus will be 9:15-10am with the Voting Session being 10:15-10:45am.

EXHIBITS AND CAMPAIGNS

Opportunities are available for chapters to host an exhibit booth to showcase their school's enterprises. More information to come on this new opportunity. Businesses and organizations will also be present for conference attendees to visit with along with state officer campaign booths. These booths will mainly be available on Friday from 11am to 3pm between the Pacific and California Ballrooms.

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER

We are looking for someone to sing the National Anthem at our general sessions! Anyone interested should submit an audio file to Alyssa Gonzalez at StateDirector@cafbla.org by April 1st.

COLOR GUARD

If your school has an active Color Guard who would like to present the colors at a general session, please reach out to Alyssa Gonzalez by emailing StateDirector@cafbla.org by April 1st.

CONFERENCE CURFEW

Students' safety and well-being is our up-most concern while attending conferences. Also, California FBLA prides itself on the exemplary behavior of our students at conferences. The curfews that are established for overnight conferences are an important part of maintaining this strong tradition.

GUIDELINES FOR ADVISERS

- Discuss curfew and consequences for violation with the members attending the conference. May be disqualified from events, can be sent home early, with parents and administration contacted.
- Remember that the adviser cannot overrule the established curfew.
- Check all students' rooms each night to be sure that the curfew has been followed.
- Please be sure your chapters are adhering to the following guideline (which is listed in the Code of Conduct as well): Students may not enter rooms of the opposite gender at any time during the conference or event without adult supervision. *Advisers CAN set an earlier curfew if it makes it easier to manage students.*

CURFEW DEFINITION

Each student is in his or her own assigned hotel room at the curfew time specified in the conference program. The student may not leave the hotel room until 6:00 am the following morning.

Conference Info & Opportunities

CONSEQUENCES FOR CURFEW VIOLATION

It is the adviser's responsibility to take appropriate action for curfew violations. Schools that repeatedly abuse curfew may not be allowed to participate in future conferences. School officials will be notified if rules are flagrantly violated.

The Management Team will also be checking hotel floors after curfew. If problems exist, the appropriate adviser(s) will be notified to take corrective action.

HOTEL CURFEW HOURS (AT YOUR OWN HOTEL)

- Thursday - April 9 10:30 PM
- Friday - April 10 10:30 PM
- Saturday - April 11 10:30 PM

All attendees must be in their own hotel at 10:30 PM. If not, attendees risk being removed from their competitive events.

CURFEW HOURS (IN YOUR OWN HOTEL ROOMS)

- Thursday - April 9 11:00 PM - 6:00 AM
- Friday - April 10 11:00 PM - 6:00 AM
- Saturday - April 11 11:00 PM - 6:00 AM

Encourage everyone to work together to ensure there are no issues during curfew.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Members with disabilities add an important dimension to the organization. They serve as models within the profession and to the students, as well as provide guidance concerning program needs, sensitivity, and accessibility. Please contact California FBLA staff as soon as possible if you know of a member who may require special services at section and state events.

To ensure that your request can be accommodated, please check the "special needs" box in the Blue Panda registration system for the individual student and include an explanation of the needs.

Dress Code

Professional business attire is required for all general sessions, workshops, competitive events, and other activities at the State Leadership Conference, unless stated otherwise in the conference program. The dress code is designed to uphold the professional image of the association and its members, and to prepare students for the business world. Conference name-tags are part of the dress code and must be worn at all times while participating in all conference activities.

Note: Appropriate casual attire includes t-shirts, polo shirts, jeans, khakis, sneakers or sandals. Cut-off jeans, spandex or Lycra garments, and bathing suits are not appropriate casual attire. Shoes and shirt must be worn at all times.



DRESS CODE

Projecting a professional image is vital for business leaders to demonstrate respect for clients, colleagues, and others. This policy is to provide guidance for conference attendees—students, advisers, and guests. Professional business attire is required at all general sessions, competitive events, exhibits, regional meetings, workshops, and other activities unless otherwise indicated in conference materials.

Conference name badges are considered part of the dress code and must be worn at all conference functions. For safety reasons, do not wear conference badges outside of the conference area. The dress code is gender neutral.



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

Business Suit

- Suit pants and jacket
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Blazer

- Dress pants, including khakis, (or) dress (or) skirt
- Blazer
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Dress

- A business dress
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Other Professional

- Dress pants, including khakis, (or) skirt
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

BUSINESS CASUAL

- Dress pants, skirt, (or) khakis/chino-style pants
- Blouse, collared dress shirt, (or) polo shirt
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

NOTE: Business Casual is only permitted during sessions specifically noted in conference materials.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

The following items are prohibited in all conference areas, including competitive events.



- ⊘ Denim or flannel clothing
- ⊘ Shorts
- ⊘ Athletic clothing
- ⊘ Leggings or graphically designed hosiery/tights

- ⊘ Skintight or revealing clothing, including tank tops, spaghetti straps, and mini/short skirts or dresses more than 1" above the knee
- ⊘ Swimwear
- ⊘ Flip flops or casual sandals

- ⊘ Athletic shoes
- ⊘ Industrial work shoes
- ⊘ Hiking boots
- ⊘ Hats
- ⊘ Graphically printed clothing

No dress code can cover all contingencies, so FBLA members must use a certain amount of judgment in their choice of clothing to wear. Members who experience uncertainty about unacceptable attire should ask their local adviser, state leader, or conference staff.

FBLA recognizes that exceptions may need to be made and will work with advisers on a case-by-case basis to accommodate requests. Advisers should indicate the need for exceptions on the special accommodation portion of the registration form. Requests made after registration closes must be made in writing.

June 2023

<https://www.fbla.org/dresscode/>

Conference Registration

ADVISERS: REVIEW ALL INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION BEFORE LOGGING INTO BLUE PANDA.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES

Conference registration rate for attendees staying in an official FBLA conference hotel:	Conference registration rate for attendees NOT staying in an official FBLA conference
Student Regular Conference Registration fee is \$170	Student Regular Conference Registration fee is \$200
Adviser/Chaperone Regular Conference Registration fee is \$60	Adviser/Chaperone Regular Conference Registration fee is \$90

OFFICIAL FBLA HOTEL LODGING RATES

Chapters are encouraged to stay at the designated conference hotel and reserve through Blue Panda starting February 10 at 9:00 a.m. Attendees will benefit from convenience, networking opportunities, negotiated services, regular registration rates, and conference room rates. Chapters staying off-site or booking directly through the hotel (outside of the official FBLA hotels) will pay higher registration rates to cover the cost of meeting space, room setup charges, and penalties for not filling contracted rooms.

All prices reflect a three-night block
(Check in Thursday, April 9 and Check out Sunday, April 12, 2026).

Hotel	Room Type(s)	Rate for 3 Nights
Hilton Anaheim 777 W Convention Way Anaheim, CA 92802	King (Sleeps up to 2)	\$768
	Double Queens (Sleeps up to 4)	\$768

Hotel's check-in time is 4:00 PM, and check-out time is 12:00 PM. All guests arriving before check-in time may be accommodated as rooms become available, provided that such guests elect to pay an early arrival fee of \$35 per room.

Advisers are encouraged to reserve early as the hotel may sell out and chapters may have to reserve at another FBLA hotel with varying room rates. Larger chapters should reserve early to ensure your large room block can be accommodated. At this year's SLC, chapters must book all three-room nights to secure their rooms. Chapters booking less than three nights will not be processed.

The Hotel Reservations will open on February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Blue Panda. The final day to submit hotel reservations is February 27, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

Conference Registration

HOTEL LODGING NOTES FOR ADVISERS

- Divide these rates by the number of student members staying per room (2, 3, or 4 students in a room) to provide a cost to your students.
- Hotel assignments are based on a first-come, first served basis.
- California FBLA may add additional hotel options as needed based on registration.
- Hilton Anaheim has imposed a maximum of 4 per room for Double Queens. Consult school or district regulations for any additional guidance on room occupancy.
- Hotel guest rooms are at the same location as the conference, unless booked at an adjacent property if overflow lodging is needed. The Hilton Anaheim overnight parking rate is \$24 per night.
- Chapters must have a school-approved FBLA primary Adviser/co-advisers, and school approved chaperones, staying on site for the entire conference.
- On your rooming list, please identify any special needs for guests with disabilities requiring accommodation at your assigned hotel.

LATE / CHANGE FEES

- Any changes and/or additions after the registration deadline are subject to a fee:
 - Before March 24: \$25 per change
 - March 25-31: \$50 per change
 - April 1-8: \$75 per change
 - Onsite at the conference: \$100 per change

Changes and/or additions must be requested through the change form available via email at mrapada@cafbla.org.

Once the request is reviewed and approved, the chapter will receive an update and an invoice from California FBLA.

Approved changes/additions include, but are not limited to:

- Adding students to competitive events
- Modifying which competitive event(s) a student is registered for
- Adding hotel rooms (based on availability)
- Modifying hotel room reservations (ie changing room type, changing names on the room)

Examples of changes/additions that would not be approved include, but are not limited to:

- Request that are not within the guidelines (such as grade level requirements and per chapter competitor participation limits)
- Request that involves late submission of pre-judged materials
- Requests to cancel reserved hotel rooms after the conference deadline.

California FBLA reserves the right to approve or deny requests for changes and/or additions

Conference Registration

LOGIN PROCEDURES & QUESTIONS

If you have login issues, please email competitive events coordinator Manuel Rapada at mrapada@cafbla.org.

Log in at <https://app.gobluepanda.com>.

Click "Login with FBLA Connect."



User Login
Judge Code

Login with FBLA Connect

- OR -

Username:

Password:

Forgot Password?

Remember Me Stay Logged In

Login

Enter your FBLA Connect email address and password.



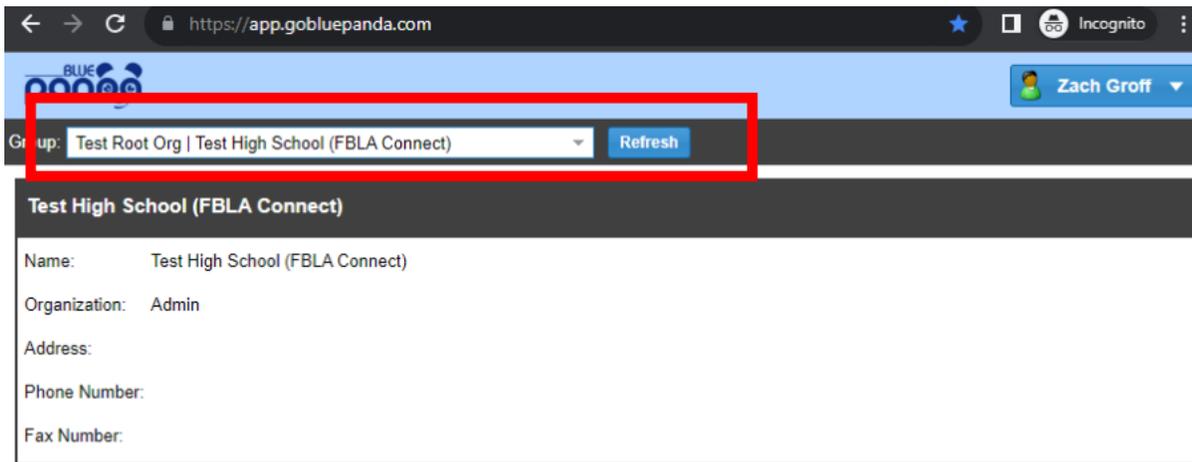
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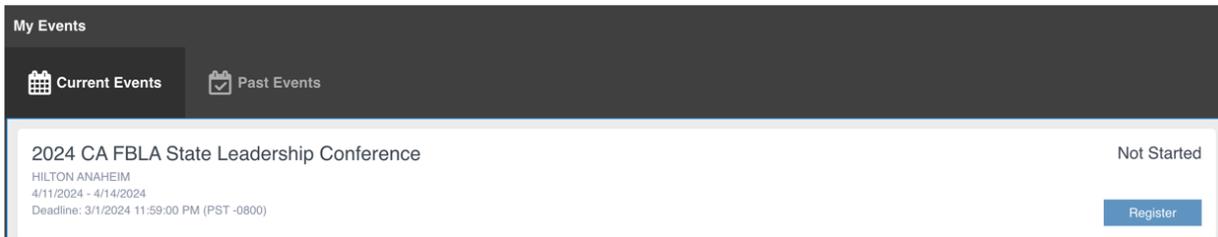
[Forgot Your Password?](#)

Conference Registration

In the Blue Panda dropdown, select the “California FBLA [Your Middle/High School’s Name]” option. This will give you access to California FBLA’s section and state conference registrations.



Click “Register” for the 2026 CA FBLA State Leadership Conference.



Next, prepare your list of attendees.

Conference Registration

ATTENDEES

Move to the ATTENDEES screen.

Click the "ADD" button, and first register yourself as adviser. On the drop-down list, select the "Adviser/Chaperone" option. Manually enter your information. Register any other adults attending as "Adviser/Chaperone."

Once advisers are registered, you will begin registering students by switching the drop-down to one of the "Student" options. Middle school chapters should select the "MS Student" option. High school chapter members should be registered under the "HS Student" options.

Under travel option, specify your hotel option and the number of beds if you are staying in the FBLA room block. Blue Panda is set up for 3-night hotel packages. If you need custom check-in/check-out dates, please email slc@cafbla.org.

If you are not staying in the FBLA room block, select "Not Staying in Room Block."

The image shows a dropdown menu for 'Travel Option'. The menu is open, displaying the following options:

- [Please select an option]
- [Please select an option]
- Hilton Anaheim (One King Bed)
- Hilton Anaheim (Two Queen Beds)
- Not Staying in Room Block

If someone has special needs, please provide a clear explanation of the person's needs in addition to checking the Special Needs box.

Tip: Save time by using the new "Save and New" option in Blue Panda.

Click the down arrow next to "Save and Close" and select "Save and New."

"Save and New" will save the attendee you just added and allow you to immediately keep adding conference attendees, without constantly clicking the "Add" button for each attendee.

The image shows the 'Add New Attendee' form in Blue Panda. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Attendee: Member - Hotel Participant (dropdown)
- First Name: [text input]
- Last Name: [text input]
- Grade: [dropdown]
- Gender: Male (dropdown)
- Special Needs:
- Dietary:
- Buttons: Cancel, Save and New, Save and Close (dropdown)

Conference Registration

ATTENDEE TROUBLESHOOTING

Don't see your student's name in Blue Panda?

- Go to [FBLA Connect](#).
- Go to **Members > Transition Members**.
- Make sure all students are listed in the middle "member" column.
- If a missing student is in the "unpaid student" column with no dollar sign next to their name ...
 - Select their name, then "transition to member."
 - Click "generate the invoice, skip the quote step."
 - Please email statedirector@cafbla.org, so CA FBLA can pay the invoice in FBLA Connect.

Do not wait until the last minute to get members in FBLA Connect. Students must be in FBLA Connect by March 1 in order to attend SLC. If you have issues with FBLA Connect, please contact the California FBLA Chapter Support Center at hello@cafbla.org.

Be sure to carefully check and update student grade levels. Students must show proper grade levels in Blue Panda in order to enter grade-specific events.

For each student, double check spelling, grade level and email address (these last two are editable in Blue Panda). If possible, supply personal email addresses for each student so important notifications do not get caught in school district spam filters.

If you change anything in Blue Panda, that info must also get corrected in FBLA Connect for future conferences, as the information does not sync the other way.

Next, prepare your list of competitions for each student attendee.

Conference Registration

COMPETITIONS

Once you have a given student registered under "ATTENDEES", you will be able to assign competitive events under "COMPETITIONS."

In the Competitions module, you have the option to enter students in events either BY EVENT or BY ATTENDEE (toggle top right).

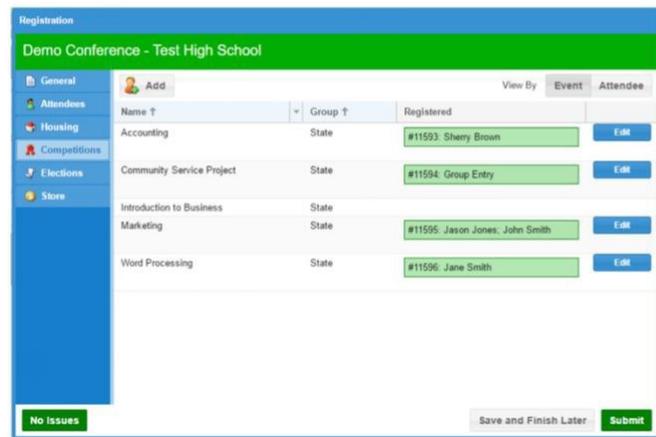
CA FBLA recommends you view competitions BY EVENT, then "add" all the students in one event at the same time. Unless you need to remove students from a competition, avoid using the "edit" button.

Adding Entries

Add - Select the event and click "Add" (You don't have to click the event first, but it does make it easier)

Tip: Click "Add" to create a registration for each Individual or Team. Once you've added the one Individual or Team, click OK and then click Add to create another.

Edit - Click the "Edit" button next to the registration you wish to edit.

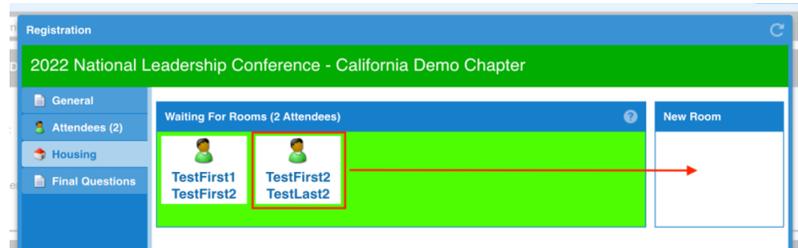


HOUSING (IF STAYING IN THE FBLA ROOM BLOCK)

Move to the HOUSING screen.

Create the first hotel room you want to book by dragging an attendee from "Waiting for Rooms" into "New Room."

Assign all attendees to a room, by dragging to an existing room or creating a new room.



Please make sure you do not exceed capacity in a king-bed hotel room (1 king bed = up to two (2) people). Blue Panda does not have an automatic error to detect when a chapter exceeds capacity in a king-bed hotel room. As a workaround, if a chapter adds three (3) or four (4) people to a 1-bed hotel room, Blue Panda will charge \$99,999 for that room – a sign you've exceeded capacity.

Conference Registration

FINAL QUESTIONS

In FINAL QUESTIONS, please designate:

- the on-site/primary adviser and their contact info
- the production test proctor and their contact info
- the three wild card students and their competitions
 - Make sure these students are also registered in the COMPETITIONS section
- the mailing address for plaques in team events
 - For team events, one plaque will be awarded on stage. Remaining plaques for teammates will be mailed to the school after SLC. Chapter projects will continue to receive one plaque per chapter.
- the chapter's two official voting delegates and their personal email addresses

SUBMIT

Hit "submit" when you're done.

Make sure to hit SUBMIT by **February 27, 2026**. Even after clicking the final SUBMIT button, you will be able to log back in and edit your registration up until the final deadline on **February 27, 2026**.

Finally, prepare your transcripts and prejudged materials to upload.

Conference Registration

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DUE / UPLOAD MATERIALS

Chapters will submit prejudged materials and transcripts via Blue Panda’s “Additional Items Due” submission tool. As soon as an adviser starts SLC conference registration, a new orange button for “Additional Items Due” will appear on the conference box.



This is to collect your chapter’s transcripts. Compile all transcripts for all competitors in Accounting into separate PDFs, even if students competed at section conference. Do not email transcripts to CA FBLA staff. Only use Blue Panda for SLC.

Once an adviser registers a student for an event with prejudged material submissions, the number of additional items due will increase.

Clicking the “Additional Items Due” button will take the adviser to the first screenshot below. Depending on the event, clicking the Upload button on the right will open a box to either input a URL or browse the computer for the item to upload.

Please check the “Due By” column. Deadlines for many prejudged events are on February 20, 2026, to allow for scoring before SLC.

The screenshot shows a table titled 'Demo Conference - Items Due'. The table has five columns: 'Competition ↑', 'Due By ↑', 'Entry', 'Asset', and an upload button. There are four rows of data. The first two rows are for 'Word Processing Job #1' and 'Word Processing Job #2', both by 'Jane Smith'. The next two rows are for 'Job Interview Resume' by 'Jason Jones John Smith' and 'Philip Smith Maegan Belissai'. Each row has a 'Please Click Button To Upload' message in the Asset column and a blue upload button on the right. A 'Close' button is at the bottom left.

Competition ↑	Due By ↑	Entry	Asset	
Word Processing Job #1		Jane Smith	Please Click Button To Upload	
Word Processing Job #2		Jane Smith	Please Click Button To Upload	
Job Interview Resume	2/1/21 5:00 PM ...	Jason Jones John Smith	Please Click Button To Upload	
Job Interview Resume	2/1/21 5:00 PM ...	Philip Smith Maegan Belissai	Please Click Button To Upload	

Conference Registration

Broadcast Journalism - Submission

Competition: Broadcast Journalism

Entry: [REDACTED]

Item Due: Submission

URL:

Job Interview - Resume

Competition: Job Interview

Entry: Jason Jones
John Smith
Test High School

Item Due: Resume

File:

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

- Please contact your Section Adviser immediately if a section qualifying student from your chapter cannot attend SLC, so that the student next in line can be notified.
- There are no refunds for registration fees of individuals/teams who submit pre-judged materials and do not make the finals in that event. See other event options for those who do not qualify for pre-judged events.
- Upon completion of registration, print the Conference Registration Confirmation Summary to submit to the following:
 - To your school's business office to request your check payable to California FBLA
 - To the California FBLA Finance Office to accompany your mailed check
 - For your own files/records
- Making payment --
 - To pay by check, registration payment checks can be mailed to: California FBLA Finance Office, PO Box 1440, Owasso, OK 74055
 - To pay by credit card, look for an e-invoice from the California FBLA Finance Office which will be sent to the lead adviser by email by March 6, 2026. Credit card payments can be made through the e-invoice.
- If you need a W-9 form for California FBLA, download it here: <https://leadable.info/cafbla-w9>

Competitive Events

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AT THE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

- **First Place Winners at Section Conference**
Creed
- **First and Second Place Winners at Section Conference**
Impromptu Speaking Job Interview Sales Presentation
Introduction to Public Speaking Public Speaking
- **First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Place Winners at Section Conference who each have a final score of at least 30:**
Computer Applications

- **First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Place Winners at Section Conference****

Accounting **	Healthcare Administration **	Introduction to Information Technology **
Advertising **	Hospitality & Event Management	Introduction to Marketing Concepts **
Agribusiness **	Human Resource Management **	Introduction to Retail & Merchandising **
Business Communication **	Insurance & Risk Management **	Marketing
Business Law **	International Business	Personal Finance **
Business Management	Introduction to Business Communication **	Real Estate **
Computer Problem Solving **	Introduction to Business Concepts **	Securities & Investments **
Cybersecurity **	Introduction to Business Procedures **	Sports & Entertainment Management
Data Science & AI **	Introduction to Business Procedures **	
Economics **	Introduction to FBLA **	
Entrepreneurship		
Future Business Leader		

- **Wild Card Entries**
THREE per school – can be used for any ** online objective test event that started at the section level. No member may participate in more than one wild card. Wild cards must be used in different events.

If you have a competitor who qualified at section but who cannot compete at SLC, please notify your Section Adviser immediately. This will allow the next eligible member to be notified to participate.

LEGEND

** The number of competitors is determined by the number who took the tests taken at your section conference. Refer to your section winners' list.

Competitive Events

OBJECTIVE TEST ONLY EVENTS

STARTED AT SECTION

Accounting **	Insurance & Risk Management **
Advertising **	Introduction to Business Communication **
Agribusiness **	Introduction to Business Concepts **
Business Communication **	Introduction to Business Procedures **
Business Law **	Introduction to FBLA **
Computer Problem Solving **	Introduction to Information Technology **
Cybersecurity **	Introduction to Marketing Concepts **
Data Science & AI **	Introduction to Retail & Merchandising **
Economics **	Personal Finance **
Healthcare Administration **	Real Estate **
Human Resource Management **	Securities & Investments **

- Each local chapter may register competitors who qualified for SLC at section conference.
- ** Local chapters may also register THREE wild card entries per chapter. These can be used for competitors who did not attend or did not qualify at the Section Leadership Conference. These can be used for any of the events listed above. No member may participate in more than one wild card. Wild cards must be used in different events.
- Objective Testing Sessions will be on Friday, April 10, 2026.
 - Students need to bring their own device for testing.
 - Students will test by event. The complete schedule will be posted by March 30, 2026 on cafbla.org.
 - Objective Testing Sessions (including conflict) may be added on Saturday, April 11, 2026, depending on registration.

Competitive Events

STARTING AT STATE

Advanced Accounting
 Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
 Introduction to Supply Chain Management
 Journalism
 Networking Infrastructures

Organizational Leadership
 Project Management
 Public Administration & Management
 Retail Management

- Each local chapter may have three (3) competitors in each event listed above.
- In addition, all members who do not advance to the final round in any of the prejudged state events listed below can choose one of these events.
 - Broadcast Journalism, Business Plan, Career Portfolio, Coding & Programming, Community Service Project, Computer Game & Simulation Programming, Data Analysis, Digital Animation, Digital Video Production, Event Planning, Financial Planning, Financial Statement Analysis, Future Business Educator, Graphic Design, Introduction to Business Presentation, Introduction to Programming, Introduction to Social Media Strategy, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Mobile Application Development, Public Service Announcement, Social Media Strategies, Supply Chain Management, Visual Design, Website Coding & Development, Website Design
- Objective Testing Sessions will be on Friday, April 10, 2026.
 - Students need to bring their own device for testing.
 - Students will test by event.
 - The complete schedule (including conflicts) will be posted by March 30, 2026 on cafbla.org.
 - Objective Testing Sessions may be added on Saturday, April 11, 2026, depending on registration.

Competitive Events

STARTING AT STATE (GRADES 6-8 ONLY)

Career Exploration

Digital Citizenship

Exploring Accounting & Finance

Exploring Agribusiness

Exploring Business Communication

Exploring Business Concepts

Exploring Computer Science

Exploring Economics

Exploring FBLA

Exploring Leadership

Exploring Marketing Concepts

Exploring Parliamentary Procedure

Exploring Personal Finance

Exploring Professionalism

Exploring Technology

Interpersonal Communication

- There is no maximum of entries per chapter in each event.
- Objective Testing Sessions will be on Friday, April 10, 2026.
 - Students need to bring their own device for testing.
 - Students will test by event.
 - The complete schedule will be posted by March 30, 2026 on cafbla.org.
 - Objective Testing Sessions (including conflicts) may be added on Saturday, April 11, 2026, depending on registration.



Competitive Events

PRODUCTION TEST EVENTS

Computer Applications

- The local chapter adviser must register competitors and the production test proctor in [Blue Panda](#) by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on February 20, 2026. California FBLA will email instructions to your proctors.
- Production tests must be proctored. This person must be a certificated teacher or a school staff member. This may be an adviser but cannot be a parent.
- Completed production tests must be uploaded electronically for grading by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on March 6, 2026.



Competitive Events

CASE STUDY EVENTS

Banking & Financial Systems
 Business Management
 Customer Service
 Entrepreneurship
 Hospitality & Event Management
 International Business
 Management Information Systems

Marketing
 Network Design
 Parliamentary Procedure
 Sports & Entertainment Management
 Technology Support & Services

- **Business Management, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality & Event Management, International Business, Marketing and Sports & Entertainment Management:** Each local chapter may register competitors who qualified at their Section Leadership Conference.
- **Banking & Financial Systems, Management Information Systems and Network Design:** Each local chapter may enter one (1) individual or a team of two (2) or three (3) members in each event.
- **Customer Service and Technology Support & Services:** Each local chapter may enter one (1) individual in each event.
- **Parliamentary Procedure:** Each local chapter may enter one team of four (4) or five (5) members.

Preliminary Objective Testing

- **Objective Testing Sessions will be on Thursday, April 9, 2026.**
 - All tests will be taken individually.
 - Students need to bring their own device for testing.
 - The complete schedule (including conflicts) will be posted by April 1 on cafbla.org.

LIVE Finals Performance

- **Finalists will be announced by Friday morning, April 10, 2026, on cafbla.org.**
- Finalists will perform live throughout the conference. Check the final conference schedule for the exact date and time.

Competitive Events

INTERVIEW EVENTS

Future Business Leader
Job Interview

Future Business Leader

- Advisers must submit materials to Blue Panda by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on March 6, 2026.
- Competitors need to submit a cover letter and resume.
- Objective Testing Sessions will be on Thursday, April 10, 2026.
 - Students need to bring their own device for testing.
 - The complete schedule (including conflicts) will be posted by March 30 on cafbla.org.
- Finalists will be announced by Friday morning, April 10, 2026, on cafbla.org.
- Finalists will interview during the conference. Check the final conference schedule for the exact date and time.

Job Interview

- Advisers must submit materials to Blue Panda by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on March 6, 2026.
- Competitors need to submit a cover letter and resume.
- All students who submit materials by the March 6, 2026 deadline will be finalists.
- Finalists will interview live. Check the final conference schedule for the exact date and time during the conference.

Competitive Events

SPEECH EVENTS

Creed
Exploring Public Speaking (Middle School)
Impromptu Speaking
Introduction to Public Speaking
Public Speaking

LIVE Performance

- **Creed, Exploring Public Speaking (Middle School), Introduction to Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Public Speaking:** Live performance. Check the final conference schedule for the exact date and time.



Competitive Events

PRESENTATION EVENTS

PART ONE

Business Plan
Community Service Project
Digital Animation
Digital Video Production

Future Business Educator
Local Chapter Annual Business Report
Partnership with Business Project
Sales Presentation

Preliminary Project

- **Sales Presentation:** These competitors have pre-qualified from section and do not submit any prejudged work.
- **Digital Animation and Digital Video Production:** Advisers must submit video projects to Blue Panda by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on February 20, 2026.
- **Business Plan, Community Service Project, Future Business Educator, Local Chapter Annual Business Report and Partnership with Business Report:** Advisers must submit PDF reports to Blue Panda by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on February 20, 2026.
- Review the [California competitive event guidelines](#) for each event.
- Students should start preparing their presentations immediately after submitting prejudged work.

LIVE Final Presentations

- Finalists will be announced as soon as prejudging is complete.
- Finalists will perform live throughout the conference. Check the final conference schedule for the exact date and time.

Competitive Events

PRESENTATION EVENTS

PART TWO

Broadcast Journalism
 Career Portfolio
 Coding & Programming
 Computer Game & Simulation Programming
 Data Analysis
 Event Planning
 Financial Planning
 Financial Statement Analysis
 Graphic Design
 Introduction to Business Presentation

Introduction to Programming
 Introduction to Social Media Strategy
 Mobile Application Development
 Public Service Announcement
 Social Media Strategies
 Supply Chain Management
 Visual Design
 Website Coding & Development
 Website Design

Preliminary Video Presentation

- Competitors need to complete a project that addresses the topic listed in the [California competitive event guidelines](#).
- Competitors must then record a presentation of their project. Create a presentation that addresses the “preliminary” rating sheet for the event listed in the [California competitive event guidelines](#). Advisers must submit video projects to Blue Panda by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on February 20, 2026.
 - Don’t lose points! Common deductions include:
 - Not conforming to the FBLA Dress Code
 - Editing the video submission
 - Not having members in the recording at all times
 - Going over the presentation time limit
 - Students should prepare to give this presentation live at the State Leadership Conference.

LIVE Final Presentations

- Finalists will be announced as soon as prejudging is complete.
- Finalists will perform live throughout the conference. Check the final conference schedule for the exact date and time.

Competitive Events

PRESENTATION EVENTS

PART THREE

Business Ethics has three parts: a prejudged case study summary, objective test and final presentation.

Preliminary Project and Objective Testing

- Advisers must submit the prejudged case study summary to Blue Panda by 4:59 p.m. Pacific on February 20, 2026.
 - Review the [California competitive event guidelines](#).
- Objective Testing Sessions will be on Thursday, April 9, 2026.
 - Students will test individually.
 - Students need to bring their own device for testing.
 - The complete schedule (including conflicts) will be posted by March 30 on [cafbla.org](#).

LIVE Final Presentations

- Check the final conference schedule for the exact date and time.

Conference Forms

The following form must be submitted by the Chapter Adviser and submitted through Registration: Blue Panda:

[Form A: Chapter Statement of Assurance](#)

The following forms must be completed by conference attendees and submitted to the Chapter Adviser to keep hard copies in their possession at/during the State Leadership Conference.

[Form B: Code of Conduct/Permission/Medical Release](#)





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