California Future Business Leaders of America

Quick Reference Calendar for 2026-2027

August

August 1	Membership Year Begins, Chapter Affiliation Opens Champion Chapter Starts – Summer Starter (Summer Starter program runs August 1 – September 24) Business Achievement Awards Starts (BAA) Member Leadership Council Applications Open
August 19	Adviser Huddle: Chapter Affiliation Process/BAM Adviser Conference/ Officer Adviser Training (OAT) Days/Leadership Development Institute Conference (LDI)
August 29	OAT Day for Southern Section at Orange Coast College (Costa Mesa, CA)

September

September 9	Membership Leadership Council Applications Close
September 16	Adviser Huddle: Chapter Affiliation Process/BAM Adviser Conference/OAT Days
September 18-19	BAM Adviser Conference at Hilton Orange County, Costa Mesa, CA
September 24	Champion Chapter – Summer Starter Deadline (Summer Starter program runs August 1 – September 24)
September 25	Champion Chapter – Shaping Success Starts (Shaping Success program runs September 25 – November 5)
September 26	OAT Day for Bay Section at Homestead HS (Cupertino, CA) OAT Day for Central Section at Madera HS (Madera, CA) OAT Day for Gold Cost at Westlake HS (Thousands Oaks, CA) **(revised)**
September 27	OAT Day for Inland Section at Diamond Bar HS (Diamond Bar, CA) **(revised)**

October

October 1	Deadline to submit Affiliation and be eligible for a Chapter Support Grant Lead4Chane Grant Cycle Opens (Grant cycle runs October 1 – June 1)
October 5	Fall Stock Market Game Begins (Fall program runs October 5 – December 13)
October 12	Fall LifeSmarts Challenge Begins (Fall program runs October 12 – November 6)
October 13	Fall Virtual Business Challenge Opens (Fall program runs October 13 – November 6)
October 19	OAT Day for Northern Section at The Barn at Meriam Park (Chico, CA) **(revised)**
October 21	Adviser Huddle: Chapter Affiliation Process/Leadership Development Institute Conference (LDI)

November

November 5	Champion Chapter - Shaping Success Deadline (Shaping Succes program runs September 25 – November 5)
November 6	Champion Chapter – Service Season Starts (Service Season program runs November 6 – January 7) Fall LifeSmarts Challenge Ends (Fall program runs October 12 – November 6) Fall Virtual Business Challenge Ends (Fall program runs October 13 – November 6)

November 6-8	Leadership Development Institute at Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City, Universal City, CA
November 15	Dressed to Impress Scholarship Application Deadline
November 18	Adviser Huddle: Section Conferences/Chapter Support Grants/Competitive Events/ State and Section Officer Applications

December

December 1	Section Conference Registration Opens on Blue Panda
December 9	Adviser Huddle: Contact assistantstatedirector@cafbla.org to schedule an appointment
December 11	Fall Stock Market Game Ends (Fall program runs October 5 – December 11)

January

January 7	Champion Chapter – Service Season Deadline (Service Season program runs November 5 – January 7)
January 8	Champion Chapter – CTE Celebration Starts (CTE Celebration program runs January 8 – March 4)
January 9	Champion Chapter – Champion Plus Starts (Champion Plus program runs January 9 – May 1)
January 16	Southern Section Conference at Orange Coast College (Costa Mesa, CA)
January 20	Adviser Huddle: Chapter Affiliation Deadline/New Member Registration Deadline (FBLA Connect)/State Leadership Conference
January 23	Northern Section Conference at Trinity High School (Weaverville, CA)
January 25	Spring LifeSmarts Challenge Begins (Spring program runs January 25 – February 19)
January 30	Bay Section Conference at Dougherty Valley HS (San Ramon, CA) Gold Coast Section Conference at Saugus HS (Santa Clarita, CA) Central Section Conference at Redwood HS (Visalia, CA)

February

Career Technical Education Month

February 1	Affiliation Deadline Spring Virtual Business Challenge Begins (Spring program runs February 1 – February 26) Spring Stock Market Game Begins (Spring program runs February 1 – April 9)
February 6	Inland Section Conference at Los Osos HS (Rancho Cucamonga, CA)
February 7-13	FBLA Week
February 17	Adviser Huddle: New Member Registration Deadline (FBLA Connect)/State Leadership Conference/National Leadership Conference/Champion Chapter
February 19	Spring LifeSmarts Challenge (Spring program runs January 25 – February 19)
February 26	Spring Virtual Business Challenge Ends (Spring program runs February 1 – February 26)

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March

March 1	Membership Dues Payment Deadline for National Leadership Conference Competitors New Member Registration Deadline (All new members must be in FBLA Connect)
March 4	Champion Chapter – CTE Celebration Deadline (CTE Celebration program runs January 8 – March 4)
March 14-16	Educating for Careers Conference at SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Sacramento, CA
March 17	Adviser Huddle: State Leadership Conference/National Leadership Conference

April

April 2	Individual and State Projects are Due
April 9	Spring Stock Market Ends (Spring program runs February 1 - April 9)
April 14	Adviser Huddle: Contact assistantstatedirector@cafbla.org to schedule an appointment
April 15	National Leadership Conference Scholarship Deadline National Technical Honor Society Scholarship Deadline Distinguished Business Leader Scholarship Deadline
April 22-25	2027 State Leadership Conference at Downtown San Jose, San Jose, CA

May

TBD	2027-2028 State Officer Retreat at Visalia
May 1	Champion Chapter – Champion Plus Deadline (Champion Plus program runs January 9 – May 1) Business Achievement Award and Excellence Award Submission Deadline for National Leadership Conference Recognition
May 7	Adviser Wall of Fame Nomination Deadline
May 19	Adviser Huddle: National Leadership Conference

June

June 1	Lead4Change Grant Cycle Closes (Cycle runs October 1 – June 1) Adviser Huddle: National Leadership Conference/BAM Conference
June 23-26	2027 National Leadership Conference at Columbus, OH