

State Competition

MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDE

April 6, 2026



Tucson Convention Center
260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701





Welcome to State Leadership Conference

Welcome to the 2026 FBLA Arizona State Leadership Conference!

We are excited for this year's state leadership conference, where members will compete, network with others from across the state, attend workshops, engage in various activities throughout the conference, and have fun while showcasing their talents and skills.

This year we have "Made Our Mark" by enjoying leadership camp, fall conferences, hosting NFLC, participating in the online testing tournament, and visiting various chapters all over the state. It has been great meeting so many of you and spreading our state message this year that "Next, Start Now!"

As we come to our final event of the year - State Leadership Conference, we reflect on this year's national theme "Make Your Mark". We hope you "Make Your Mark" as you explore new opportunities, enjoy general sessions, attend engaging workshops, and participate in all the other fun events that will go on throughout the conference. This is your time to shine.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you this year. It has indeed been an honor, and we hope that you leave this conference knowing that you gave your best, learned something new, met some new friends, and just had the best time in Tucson.

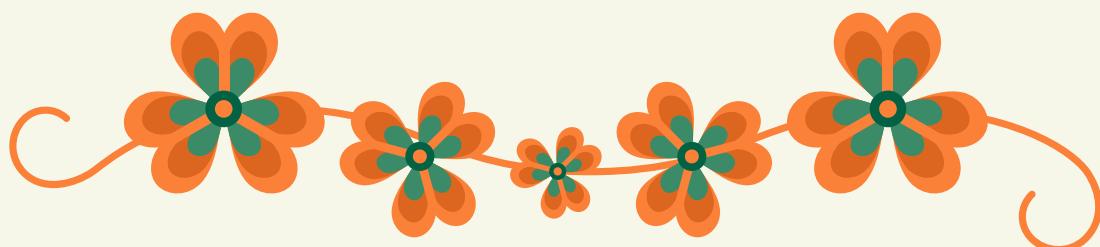
Make sure you take time to thank your friends, advisers, and everyone who helped you along the way to be the person you are today. You are amazing!

Best of luck in your competitions and in all you do!



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SLC MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

OPENS: February 2, 2026

CLOSES: March 6, 2026

REGISTRATION COST ONLY:

\$60 STUDENTS

\$35 ADVISERS

\$10 GUESTS/CHAPERONES

REGISTRATION ALL INCLUSIVE
(REGISTRATION PLUS LUNCH on 4/6)

\$82 STUDENTS

\$57 ADVISERS

\$32 GUESTS/CHAPERONES

*Registration includes a conference t-shirt also.
*All meals purchased ahead of time will be served at the Tucson Convention Center.

For Registration link [Click Here](#)
Step-by-Step Instruction Sheet [Click Here](#)

2026 SLC FLYERS

[Click here](#) for the 2026 SLC Flyer.
This is for registration costs ONLY.
Does not include the 4/6 lunch option on it.

PRE-SUBMISSIONS

DUE: March 5, 2026 BEFORE 5 P.M.

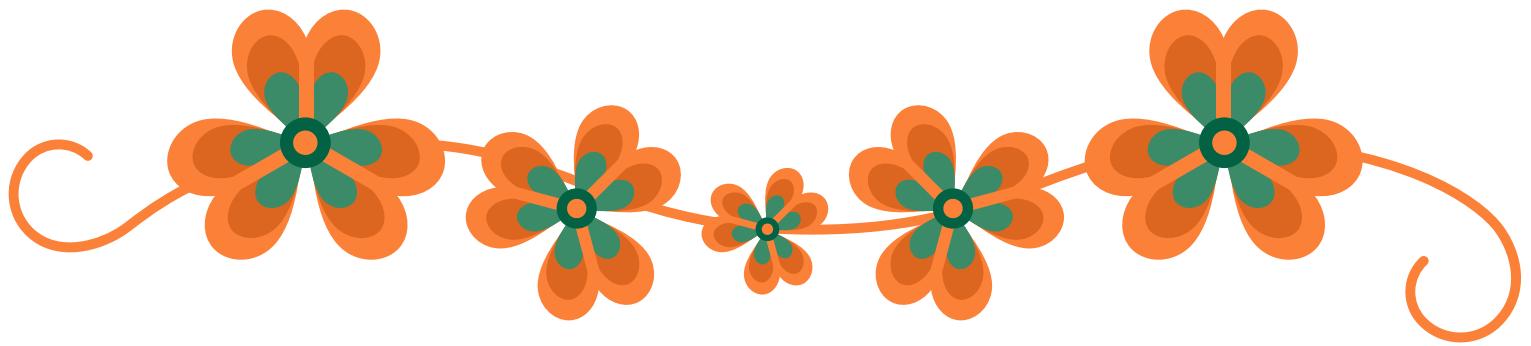
[Click Here](#) for the link. This can also be found on our state website under High School - Adviser - Submission Link. Middle School will submit to the same link.

HOTEL INFORMATION

This is a reminder to stress the importance for advisers/district personnel/travel agents to refrain from calling hotels directly to reserve rooms for SLC. Reservations must be made in the registration system.

The policy the national office has in place for the National Leadership Conference is the same that Arizona CTSOs will implement, which is: "Any attendee who has a hotel reservation outside of the room block will not be eligible to register for a competitive event or run for a state executive council position."

The only exception to this policy is if the chapter is within 50 miles of the conference venue and your district prohibits overnight stays within that boundary. Please do not make reservations or have anyone on your behalf outside of the room block or the registration system. Thank you for your help.

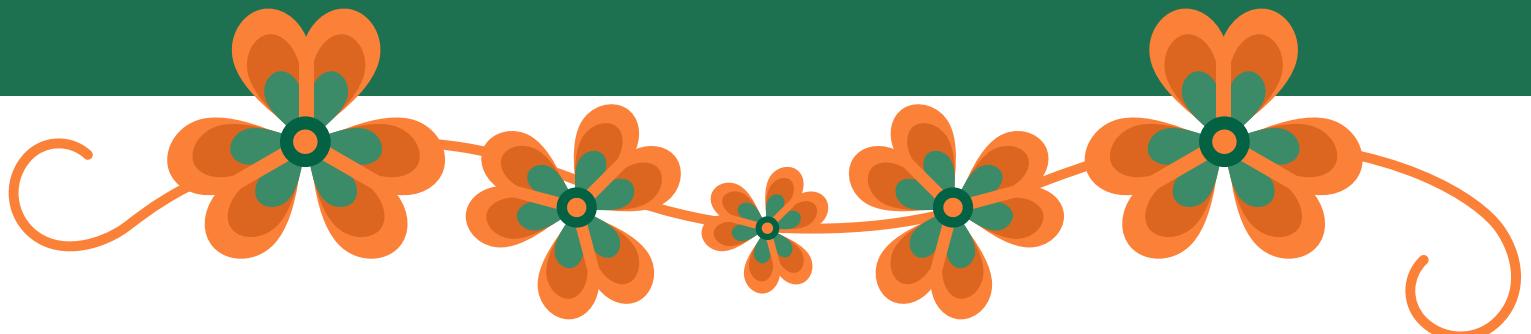


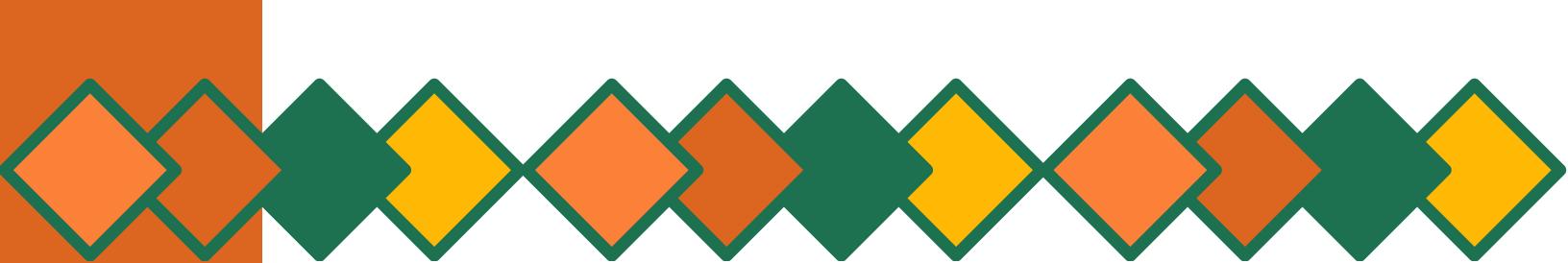
HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION GENERAL INFORMATION

- [Competition Information Page](#) (Everything competition on one page)
- [Arizona State Competitive Event List](#) (State Event List)
- [National Event Topics](#) (Some events have a topic look here to see)
- [National Event Changes and updates for 2025-2026](#)
- [National Competitive Event Page](#) (Everything competition on one page-scroll down to look over the testing objectives for objective tests)

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CONFERENCE DEADLINES

Make sure you keep track of all deadlines which include registration, hotel selection, pre-submissions, testing, and award information. You can always submit early as well.

December 18 and 19, 2025

- Hotel names and prices were sent out to advisers to look over

January 26, 2026

- Submit Hotel Interest form with top three choices of hotel to the state office by 11:59 p.m. if needing hotel. If you need Sunday, April 5, 2026 please contact the state office.
- State Registration System will open to allow you to put your student names in the system prior to registration opening as student names have to be inputted before you can put them into hotel rooms (this will help larger chapters to put names in and be ready for February 2 when registration officially opens)

February 2, 2026

- State Leadership Conference Registration opens allowing you to register students, advisers, and chaperones
- Any student accommodations (501, IEP, and etc) must be put into the registration system when you register your students
- Hotel assignments will be given based on the hotel interest form that was completed in January. (This is not a guarantee, but we will do our best to get you into one of your top three choices, but it depends on number of rooms requested, room types, and hotel availability). This form was sent out for planning purposes and is not a guarantee of hotel.

February 4, 2026

- Students can be placed in hotel rooms on February 4, 2026, when hotel registration opens at 5 p.m. students must be registered to be put in rooms.

March 1, 2026

- Drop dead membership deadline to add members in FBLA Connect (you cannot add anyone as a member after this date and all students MUST be members to compete)
- Last date to request hotels in our state hotel block and to drop rooms

CONFERENCE DEADLINES CONTINUED

March 2, 2026

- Testing at the home site opens for all objective tests and role play events. These must be taken with a proctor during school hours. They cannot be taken at home or without a proctor present.
- All chapter awards, individual student recognitions, scholarship applications, adviser award nominations, BAA's/LEAD, Who's Who, National Business Honor Roll and etc deadline

March 5, 2026

- All pre-submission events due by 5 p.m.
- All computer applications objective tests must be completed by 5 p.m.
- Anyone who did not do their pre-submissions can be put into another event as long as you follow individual and chapter guidelines (you have 24 hours to do this, and we will notify you of who did not do their pre-submissions)

March 6, 2026

- State Leadership Conference registration closes at 5 p.m.

March 15, 2026

- Postmark deadline for all state payments. Please mail to: FBLA Financial Services, PO Box 1440, Owasso, OK 74055. If payment is not sent by this date, please bring your payment with you to state conference and we will collect it from you at that time. Payment must be received in full when you come to collect your registration materials. We can take check or credit card on site.

March 31, 2026

- Testing ends - all proctor and honor code forms must be submitted as well

April 6, 2026

- State Conference payment due in full. You must have payment when you come to registration.
- Middle school conference begins and ends
- High school conference begins

April 8, 2026

- High school conference ends
- New state officers stay for first training (leave April 9)
- National Leadership Conference Intent forms due at the winner's meeting (Be ready to state if your student will attend NLC in San Antonio and what event they will go in. Top 4 are eligible to attend.)

Tentative Schedules

Venue

This year's conference venue will be the Tucson Convention Center located at 260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

Middle School Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

Monday, April 6

Date	Time	Activity
Mon, April 6, 2026	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Registration
Mon, April 6, 2026	11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Opening Session
Mon, April 6, 2026	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Pre-Paid Lunch
Mon, April 6, 2026	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Judge Orientation
Mon, April 6, 2026	12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Competitions
Mon, April 6, 2026	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Workshop & Activities
Mon, April 6, 2026	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Closing Session

High School Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

Monday, April 6

Date	Time	Activity
Mon, April 6, 2026	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration
Mon, April 6, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Opening Session
Mon, April 6, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Judge Orientation
Mon, April 6, 2026	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Competitions (TBD)
Mon, April 6, 2026	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pre-Paid Dinner
Mon, April 6, 2026	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Workshops & Activities (TBD)
Mon, April 6, 2026	5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	State Officer Candidate Speeches
Mon, April 6, 2026	6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Battle of the Chapters

High School Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 8

Date	Time	Activity
Wed. April 7, 2026	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
Wed. April 7, 2026	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Competitions (TBD)
Wed. April 7, 2026	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Judge Orientation
Wed. April 7, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall (Vendors and SO Booths)
Wed. April 7, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Workshops and Activities (TBD)
Wed. April 7, 2026	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Pre-Paid Lunch
Wed. April 7, 2026	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Performance Events (TBD)
Wed. April 7, 2026	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Judge Orientation
Wed. April 7, 2026	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Final Battle of the Chapters
Wed. April 7, 2026	3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Hypnotist
Wed. April 8, 2026	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Mid – General Session (Required)
Wed. April 8, 2026	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Pre-Paid Dinner

Tentative Schedules Continued

High School Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

Wednesday, April 8

Date	Time	Activity
Wed, April 8, 2026	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Pre-Paid Breakfast
Wed. April 8, 2026	9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Closing Session
Wed, April 8, 2026	11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	NLC Winners Meeting

Conference App

Final conference information will be sent out closer to the event and will also be on our conference app.

Transportation

We will elevate the need of having a shuttle bus run between the Hilton East and Convention Center once registration opens and we know the numbers and needs.

There will not be any shuttle busses running at any other hotels.

Dress Code

FBLA Arizona will follow the dress code put in place from the national office for the State Leadership Conference. Please make sure you and your students abide by what has been set forth. All attendees must be in professional dress when you are at the Tucson Convention Center. Click on the dress code picture below to view. this can also be found at the end of this guidebook.



Other Conference Information

Members, Advisers, and Chaperones MUST be registered for the conference in order to participate in all sessions and special events at the State Leadership Conference. They also must be registered for the conference in order to reserve hotel rooms in the FBLA Arizona hotel block.

The types and rates for this year's conference are as follows:

Registration Types

- **Registration Only:** Includes conference registration costs for one person and a state t-shirt.
- **Registration Inclusive Middle School:** Includes registration cost, state t-shirt, (1) lunch on April 6th.

Registration Rates:

2026 FBLA State Leadership Conference Registration Costs			
Participate Type	Registration Only (Includes registration and state t-shirt)	Registration Inclusive (HS includes 2 BF, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners) - (MS includes 1 BF, 1 Lunch)	Meals (ala carte) (Meals purchased separately as an add on)
Student Member High School Middle School	\$95 HS \$60 MS	\$207 \$82	\$20 for one breakfast
Adviser High School Middle School	\$45 HS \$35 MS	\$157 \$57	\$22 for one lunch
Chaperone/Guest High School Middle School	\$10	\$122 \$32	\$25 for one dinner

Food Trucks:

There will also be some food truck options for food, however, those must be purchased separately and are not included in the all-inclusive or la carte meal costs.

Registration and Conference Policies

Conference Registration Policy

- Full payment must be postmarked by March 15, 2026.
- Registration packets will only be distributed to attendees with a zero balance or by securing the balance with another form of payment when picking up registration materials.
- If you register for the conference and do not cancel prior to the deadline or are a “no-show,” your chapter will be responsible for the balance due. Your chapter will not be able to register for future conferences/meetings or affiliate until the balance has been paid in full.
- Each person attending the conference, or any part of the conference must be officially registered.
- Official conference name badges must be worn to all conference functions. Badges will be checked at the entrance to conference activities.

Cancelation and Refund Policy

- Cancelations can be made up until the day registration closes. If you cancel after registration closes you will be responsible for payment.
- Refunds for “no-shows” will not be honored, and the chapter will still be responsible for all registration fees.

Name Changes/Substitutions

- Name changes/substitutions must be received by 11:59 PM on March 6th, 2026, through the State Leadership Conference Registration system.
- FBLA Arizona will process requests received by 11:59 PM on March 6th, 2026, without penalty. Requests after this date will not be considered late and will not be honored.

Scheduling Conflicts

Please closely review the Competitive Events schedule and conference schedule. Some conference activities take place simultaneously. FBLA Arizona works hard to avoid scheduling conflicts in relation to Competitive Events if a member is competing in more than one event. However, sometimes conflicts do arise. If your student falls in this category, please make sure they reach out to the Competitive Event Coordinator or the State Adviser before the events take place.

Student Members Behavior Expectations

Members are expected to attend and participate in all sessions, workshops, and activities so they get the full conference experience. Members who disregard the rules will be subject to disciplinary action. Parents/guardians will be notified, and members may be sent home at their own expense. All conference attendees should be informed of the following:

- Behavior at all times should be such that it reflects a positive, professional image of you, your family, your school, your district, and the organization.
- Be on time for all sessions and remain until sessions are adjourned.
- Name badges are required for admission and must be worn at all times when in the Tucson Convention Center.
Any incidents, injuries, or illnesses should be reported to an adult chaperone immediately. State Staff should be informed of such incidents.
- If a member is found responsible for stealing or vandalism, school administration and/or local authorities will be contacted.
- Members may not purchase, possess, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time. Violators will be subject to stringent disciplinary action, including notification of local law enforcement.
- Smoking, including vaping, is prohibited.
- Use of air horns or other noise-making devices will not be permitted during general sessions or throughout the convention center or hotels.
Be considerate of sleeping hours and the privacy of other hotel guests and conference attendees. All members will observe the 11:00 PM in-room curfew.
- Check your room carefully before departure. Be sure all personal belongings have been removed before checking out of the hotel.

Adviser/Chaperone Expectations

Advisers and chaperones are responsible for the behavior and discipline of their members throughout the conference. Attendees causing a disturbance or displaying inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the conference and their hotel at their own expense.

- Parents/guardians may serve as chaperones and must register with their chapter. Be sure to adhere to the policies of your school and/or district regarding chaperones.
- There is an 11:00 p.m. in-room curfew for all members. This curfew should be enforced by advisers/chaperones and will be strictly enforced by hotel security. This curfew is for the safety of members and in respect of other guests staying in the hotel(s).
- Advisers/chaperones are responsible for enforcing the mandatory dress code which applies to members, advisers, guests and all other attendees at the State Leadership Conference. Thoroughly review and impress upon your chapter the importance of adhering to the mandatory dress code. Emphasize that any individual not adhering to the mandatory dress code will not be admitted into any sessions.

Announcements

Only announcements that apply to all conference attendees will be made at general sessions upon approval from the State Staff.

Meals

Attendees will have the option to pre-purchase breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the time of registration; a limited number will be available to purchase on site. Chapters may choose to coordinate their own meals at their own expense. Reimbursements for unused pre-purchased meals will not be considered for any reason. Outside food and beverage is not permitted in the Tucson Convention Center or in the public spaces of any of the conference hotels.

Conference Photography Release

FBLA Arizona photographers and videographers will be taking photos and video throughout the conference for use in any manner FBLA Arizona deems appropriate. These individuals will display a conference name badge and/or an FBLA Arizona State Staff badge. By attending the conference, you grant FBLA Arizona and National FBLA permission to make still or motion pictures and sound recordings, separately or in combination, and also give a production company contracted through FBLA Arizona and/or National FBLA office permission to use the finished around pictures, and/or sound recordings as deemed necessary. You also grant FBLA Arizona and National FBLA offices permission to share silent or sound pictures with other organizations deemed appropriate, including but not limited to Arizona Department of Education, Career and Technical Education, Association of Career and Technical Education, Association of Career and Technical Education Arizona.

Sun Link Streetcar Riding Tips

- Use the rust-colored markings on the pavement at the stop as a guide to where to board. Streetcar passenger doors will align with those marks. Enter Sun Link through those doors.
- Passenger seats are on either side of streetcar. Standing room with hand rails and straps is also available.
- To signal your desired stop, press one of the yellow stop request strips located throughout the vehicle.
- Offer a seat to others who may need it.
- Occupy one seat, keep your feet on the floor, and place bags and backpacks in your lap.
- Keep food and drink in closed containers; no eating on the streetcar.
- If you have a disability that prevents you from stepping up to board the streetcar, look for the yellow pavement markings at each stop. Those marks indicate the location of the ADA entrance for the streetcar. When the streetcar stops, push the blue ADA accessibility button by the door. It triggers a ramp and doors will open automatically.
- Learn more about the Sun Link Streetcar [here](#).

Hotel Information

Hotel Block

For this year's State Leadership Conference, we have several hotels who will be part of our room block this year. We have been able to secure a collection of rooms from these various hotels to accommodate the anticipated number of attendees at the State Leadership Conference in April.

Some of these hotels are within walking distance to the convention center, and some are near one of the stops of the Sun Link Streetcar. We do have a few hotels that are further away so walking and riding the streetcar will not be an option so we are hoping that more schools will have their own transportation to help get you to and from the venue. We are not able to provide shuttles this year to hotels and will need your help in choosing a hotel that works for your school and for what transportation needs you have. We need your help with this as getting shuttles has become quite an expensive cost for us and unfortunately we are not able to sustain it.

Selecting a Hotel

FBLA Arizona will help in assigning hotels this year. You, as the adviser, will be choosing your top three hotel choices in January and we will assign you based off what you hand in if we can. We will do our best to get you one of your three choices but assignments are based on number of rooms requested, types of rooms, and hotel availability. You will need to get your registration inputted into the state registration system (DLG) before you can choose a hotel and put students into hotel rooms.

We cannot guarantee that schools or districts will be together but we will try our best to make these requests happen. FBLA Arizona will know when the hotel rooms are full and no longer taking any more people.

If chapters from the same school and/or same district wish to be in the same hotel, it is strongly recommended and encouraged that you get your paperwork in and approved before registration opens. That way when registration opens you are ready to register your students in the system so you can put them in hotel rooms. Remember, you have to register in the registration system and have student names in it in order to put them in hotel rooms. Please also remember to add yourself, co-advisers, and bus drivers if you are needing a hotel room as well.

It is also recommended that all advisers get their registration in sooner than later as hotels will fill up quickly. Again, we cannot guarantee that chapters will be together.

Hotel Reservations

- All hotel reservations MUST be made by 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2026. Requests made after 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2026 cannot be guaranteed the conference rate or within the hotel block.
- Hotel cancellations MUST be made by 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2026 with both us and the hotel. Failure to cancel your rooms by this date will result in you having to pay for rooms not dropped by the drop date.

- Hotel reservations must be made through the state registration system at the time of registration. Telephone reservations will not be accepted and reservations not made through the official State Leadership Conference registration system will not be included in the 2026 SLC hotel block.
- Only registered conference attendees are eligible to have rooms in the designated FBLA Arizona hotel block. It is the responsibility of the adviser and chaperones to provide supervision for students throughout the entire conference.

Hotel Payments

- All payments for registration and housing should be sent to FBLA Financial Services at PO Box 1440, Owasso, OK 74055 and must be received on or before April 1st.
- Payments not mailed by March 15, 2026 should not be mailed but should be brought with you instead to hand deliver at the time of registration for SLC. FBLA Arizona will be able to take checks or credit cards at the registration table when you check in.
- Hotels will require a credit card for each reservation at the time you check in to place a hold for incidentals.

Hotel Room Occupancy

- King bed: 1 to 2 guests
- 2 beds: 3 to 4 guests
- King Suite: 3 to 4 guests

Hotel Check In

- Hotels will try to keep groups together although this is not always a guarantee.
- Prior to going to check-in at the hotel, all chapters should first visit the conference registration desk at the Tucson Convention Center to ensure all balances have been paid with Arizona FBLA. The conference registration desk will be open starting at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2026.
- When you check-in, not all rooms may be available. As your group's rooms become available the hotel will contact you. It is important that you allow the hotel to keep the rooms pre-blocked to keep your group together.

Hotel Check-Out

All attendees will need to check-out of their hotel room prior to the check-out time. To maintain organization, chapters should not bring their personal belongings to the Tucson Convention Center after checking out of their hotel. Instead, all luggage and personal belongings should be left on the bus, or at the bell desk with the hotel for attendees to pick up at the conclusion of the Closing General Session on Wednesday, April 8th.

Hotel Block

If you are planning on staying the night outside of the April 6 or April 7 dates, please email Missey Goodman ASAP

AC Marriott Tucson Downtown

151 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85701

Check In 3:00 p.m. – Check Out 12:00 p.m.

Rate: \$239.00 per room per night

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Convention Center: 0.5 miles (11 minute walk) - No shuttle provided

Aloft Tucson University

1900 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85719

Check In 3:00 p.m. – Check Out 12:00 p.m.

Rate: \$200.00 per room per night

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Convention Center (ride the sunlink):

- Walk to Warren Ave and Helen St Stop (8 min. walk)
- Board the Sun Link Streetcar Westbound to Convento & Congress St
- Exit Sun Link Streetcar at Congress St & Church Ave
- Walk to Tucson Convention Center (8 min. walk)

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson Tucson City Center AZ

705 N. Freeway Rd, Tucson, AZ 85745

Check In 3:00 p.m. – Check Out 12:00 p.m.

Rate: \$172.00 per room per night - Breakfast Included

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Convention Center: 1.3 miles (5-minute drive) - No shuttle provided

Double Tree by Hilton Tucson Downtown Convention Center

280 S. Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701

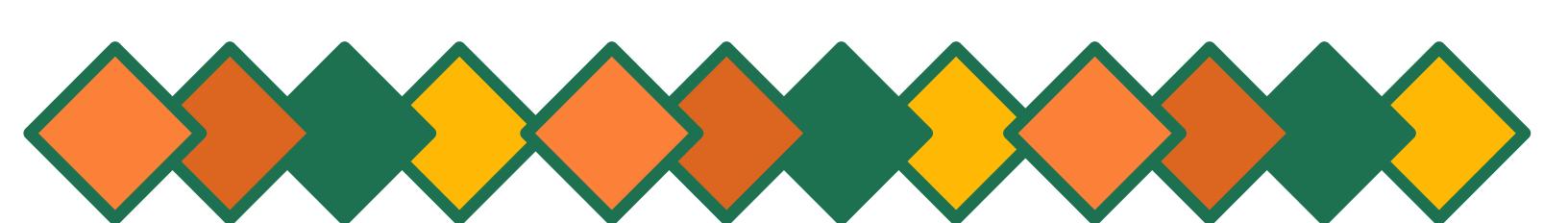
Check In 4:00 p.m. – Check Out 12:00 p.m.

Rate: \$250.00 per room per night

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Convention Center: 0.0 (Connected to Convention Center)



Hotel Block

Graduate Tucson

930 E. 2nd St, Tucson, AZ 85719

Check In 4:00 p.m.; Check Out 12:00 p.m.

Rate: \$245.00 per room per night - Breakfast Included

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights Available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Directions to walk to Sun Link Streetcar to get to Convention Center:

- Walk to University Blvd & Tyndall Ave Stop (3 minute walk)
- Board the Sun Link Streetcar Westbound to Convento & Congress St (13 minute ride)
- Exit Sun Link Streetcar at Congress St & Church Ave
- Walk to Tucson Convention Center (8 minute walk)

Hampton Inn by Hilton Tucson Downtown

141 S. Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

Check In 4:00 PM; Check Out 11:00 a.m.

Rate: \$205.00 per room per night - Breakfast Included

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Tucson Convention Center: 900 feet (5 minute walk) - No shuttle provided

Hilton Tucson East

7600 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85710

Check In 4:00 PM; Check Out 11:00 a.m.

Rate: \$239.00 per room per night - Breakfast Included

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Breakfast Included

Distance to Tucson Convention Center: 9.0 miles (26 minutes) - Hotel Shuttle Provided

Home2 Suites by Hilton Tucson Downtown

141 S. Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

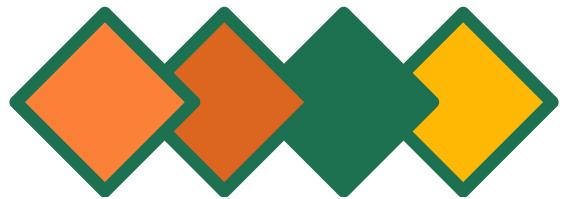
Check In 4:00 PM; Check Out 11:00 a.m.

Rate: \$205.00 per room per night - Breakfast Included

Room Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Tucson Convention Center: 900 feet (5 minute walk) - No shuttle provided

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The Leo Kent Hotel

102 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711

Check In 4:00 PM; Check Out 11:00 a.m.

Rate: \$228.00 per room per night

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Tucson Convention Center: 0.2 miles (6 minute walk) - No shuttle provided

Mariott Tucson University Park

880 E. 2nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85719-4838

Check In 4:00 p.m.; Check Out 11:00 a.m.

Rate: \$216.00 per room per night

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Tucson Convention Center: (Ride the SunLink Streetcar)

- Walk to University Blvd & Tyndall Ave Stop (3 minute walk)
- Board the Sun Link Streetcar Westbound to Convento & Congress St (13 minute ride)
- Exit Sun Link Streetcar at Congress St & Church Ave
- Walk to Tucson Convention Center (8 minute walk)

Spark by Hilton - Reid Park

102 N. Alvernon Ave, Tucson, AZ 85711

Check In 4:00 PM; Check Out 11:00 a.m.

Rate: \$183.00 per room per night - Breakfast Included

Room Types: Standard Double/Doubles

Nights available: Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7

Distance to Tucson Convention Center: 4.5 miles (13 minutes) - No shuttle provided

Hotel blocks will open in late January.

Reminder you MUST stay in one of our hotel blocks in order to compete. Only exception is if you live too close to the Tucson Convention Center.

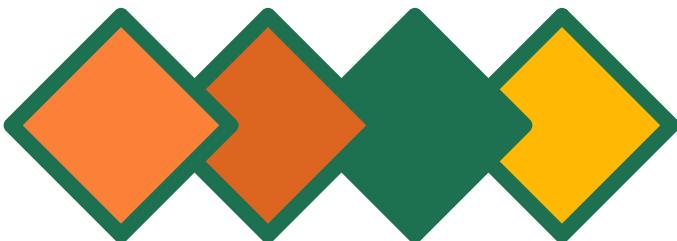
We must fill our hotel blocks this year, so be thinking of your top three choices of hotels and we will do our best to get you in one of them depending on number of rooms you request, room types, and availability of that hotel.

Prices include fees and taxes and are per room per night.

Understanding the SLC Events

Middle School Students can do up to 5 Events at state competition but still ONLY 2 Performance Events. These are their options:

1. Five Objective Tests
2. Three Objective Tests AND One Skill Event AND One Performance
3. Three Objective Tests AND One Individual Event AND One Team Event
4. Three Objective Tests AND Two Individual Events
5. Three Objective Tests AND Two Team Events
6. Two Objective Tests AND One SKILL Event, AND/OR One Individual Event or One Team Event
7. Students can also add in an NLC Chapter Qualifying event under on the competitive event list



Pay attention to Chapter limits (Based on # of people who are competing that day NOT your membership #). Look over the chart so you know how many teams you can enter in each event.

Some events have pre-submission components, a test and a performance component, just a presentation component, and some are prepared ahead of time. Please look the list over to know what is also a pre-submit as well.

Events with Pre-Submissions are:

- MIDDLE SCHOOL: EXPLORING ANIMATION
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: EXPLORING DIGITAL VIDEO PRODUCTION
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: SLIDE DECK APPLICATIONS
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: SPREADSHEET APPLICATIONS
- MIDDLE SCHOOL: WORD PROCESSING

These events have to be submitted by March 5, 2026 before 5 p.m. Please note some of these also have a presentation component as well so this is a two-part event.

Events with a test and role play need to take the tests for these events individually as they are scored 60% test score and 40% performance score. Tests for role plays have to be taken.

DIFFERENCES FROM REGIONAL TO STATE COMPETITIONS

Here are changes from Regionals to state conference:

- ALL tests must be taken at the home site during the testing time frame, which is March 2 to March 31.
- There are many new events for middle school this year. Please make sure you read the guidelines to see the changes and the requirements for this year.
- All Chapter events are available at state competition so check out the State Competitive Event list with your choices that were not available at regionals.
- ALL Students can do up to 5 events at State Leadership Conference. Only 2 Performance Events still.
- Registration closes March 6 and all pre-submissions are due March 5.
- All your Fall invoice's must be paid ahead of signing up for state competition.
- There are still no chapter limits for middle school, just follow the individual competitor limits.
- Encourage your students to do more than just testing events as they will get to state competition and not have anything to do since tests for state are taken ahead of time.
- All Arizona Only Chapter Events on the event list are available for middle school. Please look the list of events over as there are many choices for them.

SCHOLARSHIPS, BAA'S, NBHR, AND CHAPTER AWARDS

All Scholarships, BAA Level Awards, National Business Honor Roll, and Arizona Chapter Awards are due on March 1 , 2026. Please complete and submit to be recognized at SLC. We will check all submissions throughout February and then for the final drop deadline of March 1, 2026. The Capstone Award we need those names by March 16 in order to recognize them at SLC.

Arizona Chapter Awards

Lead Award and Champion Chapter

National Business Honor Roll (NBHR)

Who's Who in FBLA Award

Adviser, Administrator, and Business Person Award Nominations

State Checklist



PRE-REGISTRATION

- Read all Monday Memos, newsletters, and check the state website under state conference for updated information
- Hand in a PO to your school (attach the state flyer)
- Put in for a bus
- Complete your SLC registration and put your students in rooms so you can get your assigned hotel
- Complete all hotel request forms and wait for hotel assignment
- Hand out permission slips and other information to students
- Look over the dress code for the event. Dress code will be strictly enforced. Professional Business Dress is required (No jeans, tshirts, tennis shoes allowed during competition, opening, mid general, or closing sessions)
- Look over the Arizona State Competition List (Different a bit from regionals)
- Read the Competition Event Guidelines to get competition information
- Look over the rating sheets
- Look over the testing objectives for testing guidelines
- Look over the national topic lists
- Look over registration deadlines and pre-submission deadlines
- Have students start looking over events and what they would like to do
- Start working on projects

REGISTRATION

- Registration opens Monday, February 2. Closes March 6, 2026.
- Wait for hotel assignment
- Make sure all your students are registered members in the national system
- Make sure all your invoices for Fall events are paid or you can lose your spot in line for hotel and may have a registration block
- Make a list of what events students want to do (Can do 5 events). Follow guidelines for both student events and chapter limits
- Look over the event guidelines and chapter limits form
- Give students the deadlines (registration, permission slips, etc.)
- Collect permission slips and other information back from students
- Have students start preparing if they haven't already
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- Sign students up by the deadline
- Look carefully for pre-submissions and deadlines for events (All pre-submissions due March 5th by 5 pm)
- Have students practice, practice, practice**

State Checklist Continued



WEEK BEFORE EVENT

- Student schedules for performance events will be sent out
- Make sure students save all presentations on a zip drive and have a back up as not all events allow internet usage – look in the competitive events guidebook for which ones do – also don't trust technology have a back up plan
- Make sure students have everything they need for competition
- Get your adviser assignment (Everyone has an assignment)
- Download conference app so you know where everything is
- I will send you out a final confirmation full of information
- Make sure hotel is paid and you have all your paperwork in for the trip
- Collect student intents to go to national forms and bring those with you
- Double check students for dress code. Make sure you are in same dress code as you are model and example to these students. Please dress in Business Professional clothes.
- Remind students to bring photo ID with them to check into their events (High School ONLY)

DAY OF EVENT

- Check schedules and make sure students know what time and where they present at
- Make sure students are dressed appropriately (Follow the dress code – professionally dressed you also)
- Make sure students have everything they need for competition
- Go to your adviser assignment
- Attend adviser meeting
- Download conference app so you know where everything is
- Attend all sessions and stay to the end (opening, mid, and closing sessions)
- Encourage students to do the leadership circus, attend workshops, do battle of the chapters, go to the hypnotist, attend the night activities, and network with other students
- Assign your chapter president to show your chapter sign and how many members you brought to competition
- Put a team in the business graphics competition
- Remind students to bring photo ID to show at check in for competition (High School Chapters ONLY)
- Good luck

Good luck!

See You Soon

THANK
YOU!



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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Denim or flannel clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> Skintight or revealing clothing, including tank tops, spaghetti straps, and mini/short skirts or dresses more than 1" above the knee	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic shoes
<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial work shoes
<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops or casual sandals	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots
<input type="checkbox"/> Leggings or graphically designed hosiery/tights		<input type="checkbox"/> Hats
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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.