

## **ARIZONA FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA** **2026-2027 STATE OFFICER APPLICATION**

Congratulations! You have taken the first step towards a year that is sure to be a memorable one! Running for a State Officer position with FBLA Arizona is an exciting and important decision. This letter will highlight some of the important aspects to consider when running for a State Office position and walk you through the steps to take prior to campaigning at the State Leadership Conference.

First off, running for an FBLA Arizona State Officer is not something that can be done alone. You need the support of your adviser, your chapter, your school, and your family. Meet with your adviser and discuss this fully before deciding. This is a highly visible position, so you need to make sure you are fully committed to serving a year-long term. Please keep in mind the following commitments that you will have to make if you are elected as an FBLA State Officer:

- You will be required to attend State Officer trainings and the National Leadership Conference. The first events will be held April 8-9, May 26-30, and June 27-July 3.
- You will miss between 20 and 25 days of school, beginning in the fall of the elected year. This will be for chapter visits, trainings, and conferences. Some of these dates are not set yet (for example chapter visits), but the ones we have are as follows. These are **MANDATORY** non-negotiable dates.
  - FBLA Arizona State Officer Candidate test, presentation, and Interviews – February 18, 2026 (If a second day is needed, they will be held on February 19, 2026) – Phoenix, AZ
  - State Leadership Conference – April 6-8, 2026 in Tucson, AZ for those campaigning. If elected, we will have our first retreat there in Tucson on April 8-9, 2026. This will be for the newly elected state officer team.
  - State Officer Training – May 26 - May 30, 2026 in Phoenix, AZ
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  - Leadership Camp – September 20-23, 2026 in Williams, AZ
  - Fall Leadership with the Suns – TBD in October, one-day event (Waiting on Suns schedule to come out in August to schedule) in Phoenix, AZ
  - FLEX Conference – November, 2026 – TBD in Phoenix, AZ
  - NFLC – November 2026 - TBD
  - Regional Conferences – January, 2027. There are 7 of these, and you must attend 5 of them, not including the one you compete in.
  - Middle School State Conference – April, 2027 TBD – Tucson, AZ
  - State Conference – April, 2027 TBD – Tucson, AZ
- You will be required to attend all virtual meetings (usually twice a month). Dates will be discussed when the team is chosen.
- You will be required to cover most of the cost to attend the National Leadership Conference held in the summer. The State will provide the costs of excursions and some

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meals. You will be responsible for flight, hotel, and some meals. This is dependent on the funding sources each year.

- In-state and out-of-state travel will be required.
- The state will pay for most of your expenses for most conferences. An expense list will be given to you if you are chosen to be a state officer.
- You will be required to drive to all events or have transportation arranged with your parents/guardians or other state officers for ALL EVENTS. This is your responsibility and your adviser is not responsible for getting you to and from events.

If you are still interested, that's great! Here are the qualifications you need to be able to run for a State Officer position:

- Be an active FBLA Member in good standing.
- Be currently enrolled in a CTE (Career and Technical Education) program and plan to enroll in a CTE program during the 2026-2027 academic school year, unless you are a completer of the CTE Business, Media, or IT program that affiliates with FBLA.
- Have the written approval of your Chapter Adviser, Parent/Guardian, and School Administrator. (Advisers should only endorse Candidates who meet the criteria and characteristics of a highly qualified, mature, and motivated individual).
- Have an unweighted GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Have transportation arranged for the year for all events.

Next, here are the steps that you need to take prior to campaigning at the State Leadership Conference:

- (1) Complete the state officer application – located at [www.azfbla.org](http://www.azfbla.org) on either the about – State Officer tab or the High School – Students tab. Refer to the first page of the application for the complete checklist.  
*Final application is submitted through an electronic submission link by February 9, 2026. No Exceptions! The entire application must be completed altogether as you cannot save and continue, so please make sure you have all requirements ready when you submit, including any requested documents (resume, transcript, letter of recommendation, etc.)*
- (2) Complete a Candidate Screening Interview, Presentation, and FBLA Knowledge Exam. ALL interviews will be conducted at the Arizona Department of Education on February 18, 2026, and if needed, February 19, 2026. There will be no virtual options. Additional information will be sent no later than February 12, 2026.

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- (3) After the interview, presentation, and knowledge exam, no more than 14-15 candidates will move onto the campaign phase. If you are selected to move forward, you will be notified no later than March 2, 2026, so you have time to prepare your campaign materials for State Leadership Conference on April 6-8, 2026. Those selected to move one will have a campaign booth and a prepared speech to be delivered at the State Leadership Conference. More details will follow.
- (4) If you are chosen at State Leadership Conference to be a state officer, we will then have our first officer training and retreat starting right after SLC. We will stay in Tucson April 8, 2026 and April 9, 2026. You will have to make sure you have transportation to get home on April 9 as your chapter will have left to go home on April 8. Reminder that you are running to be a state officer not a certain position. Positions will be chosen by the May State Officer Training.

This is a very condensed version of the application process, but it highlights the major steps that need to take place. Being an FBLA State Officer is a huge commitment and responsibility, but it is also well worth the time, work, and experience! I look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at [Missy.Boucher-Goodman@azed.gov](mailto:Missy.Boucher-Goodman@azed.gov).

Good luck!

The logo for FBLA Arizona is a shield-shaped emblem. The top half is a light blue banner with the word "FBLA" in large, yellow, serif capital letters. Below the banner, the word "ARIZONA" is written in the same yellow, serif capital letters across the width of the shield. The bottom half of the shield is a light yellow triangle pointing downwards, containing the words "Service", "Education", and "Progress" stacked vertically in a grey, sans-serif font. The shield has a thin red border.

**FBLA**  
**ARIZONA**

Service  
Education  
Progress

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**Form A: Applicant Summary and Checklist**

Directions: **Applications will be accepted year-round. However, they must be submitted via the electronic link listed below no later than February 9, 2026, of the campaign year.** *It is recommended that you fill out this application and submit this completed PDF Form.* No emailed or faxed copies of applications will be accepted. Every Applicant must complete a screening committee interview, test, and presentation on the February interview date. Please submit the completed application to:

<https://fblaarizona.wufoo.com/forms/zq8z7mj0fz6l9k/>

**Applicant Summary and Checklist**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to potential State Officer activities that include State Volunteer Employee requirements, international and domestic travel, White House Visitations and insurance requirements, Applicants must be able to provide one of the following at the time of applying for State Office:

- Social Security number or,
- United States Passport or,
- Legal Visa or,
- United States birth certificate

Copy of valid photo ID

Personal Motivation Statement (500 words or less describing why you want to run for a State Office Position)

Resume

Letter of Recommendation from your Local Chapter Adviser

Transcript (FBLA State Officers must have a 2.75 un-weighted GPA or higher at the time of application and maintain this minimum GPA during your term)

Completed State Officer Application including:

- Form A: Applicant Summary and Checklist
- Form B: Applicant Fact Sheet
- Form C: Discipline Policy and Procedures
- Form D: FBLA Code of Ethics
- Form E: Commitment Statement
- Form F: Travel and Chaperone Consent
- Form G: Application Certification

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- I have uploaded all original copies of this application with original signatures where required (no copies or faxes).
- My completed, original application will be uploaded no later than February 9, 2026. No exceptions!
- I have looked over the dates that are Mandatory and can attend them. Again, those dates are:

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- I understand that I am also responsible to do chapter visits throughout the year. These are usually done between August - February. The exact number varies from year to year based on how many requests we receive; however, from looking at past years there is an average of eight chapter visits per state officer. Again, this is not set in stone and we will do more if needed. It is your responsibility to have transportation to the chapter visits you are assigned to.

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**Form B: Applicant Fact Sheet**

General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

FBLA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade next school year:  10  11  12

Number of Years in FBLA \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Positions held: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Pant Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Suit Jacket Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Program Currently Enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Form C: Discipline Policy and Procedures**

FBLA Arizona State Officers are Student Representatives of FBLA Arizona. Our organization's success relies heavily on the actions of our State Officer Team. The "FBLA State Officers Code of Conduct" and the "State Officer Discipline Policy and Procedures" were developed and approved by the FBLA Executive Council and will be enforced.

**DISCIPLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR LEVEL ONE VIOLATIONS:**

The following have been identified as "**extremely serious**" violations and will result in the "**removal from office**": (Please note if you are removed from office you are required to return everything FBLA Arizona has paid and given to you as a state officer, including but not limited to clothing, name tag, jewelry items, travel items, etc.)

1. Missing more than one "required" Executive Council Meeting or FBLA State event.
2. Not handing in more than two assignments.
3. Possession, consumption, transportation, or purchase of any alcoholic beverage, vape, or illegal drug.
4. Inappropriate sexual behavior, harassment, or activity. This includes my social media presence, acts of bullying, discrimination, hazing, intimidation, and prejudice.
5. Defacing, damaging, or stealing public or private property.
6. Violations not mentioned as identified by the State Adviser or Executive Council Advisers.

**DISCIPLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS:**

The following have been identified as less serious violations and State Officer will be suspended for the next FBLA event or until the matter is resolved.

1. Failure to complete assignments and/or reports on time.
2. Failure to communicate with the State Adviser, State Staff, other State Officers in a timely manner (usually 24 hours).
3. Failure to perform assigned tasks.
4. Failure to follow the FBLA Arizona Dress Code.
5. Being disrespectful to their Local Adviser, any FBLA Adviser, State Adviser, State Staff, and etc.
6. Other violations not mentioned above but identified by the State Adviser or Executive Council Advisers.

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It is assumed that all members elected as FBLA State Officers are responsible, mature, and of the highest moral character. Based on this premise, FBLA State Officers will be requested to perform assignments both as individuals and as a team. Neglect or failure of one team member to produce affects the entire team production.

I understand the above policy and procedure and agree to abide by the regulations set for the FBLA Arizona State Officers.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Adviser Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**Form D: FBLA Code of Ethics (from National Office)**

The Code of Ethics is a standard of conduct that should be ascribed to by all the FBLA Members and Advisers. As role models, State Officers must always conduct themselves per the Code of Ethics

- ◆ I will be honest and sincere.
- ◆ I will periodically evaluate my personality and attitudes, making every effort to improve myself.
- ◆ I will approach each task with confidence in my ability to perform my work at a high standard.
- ◆ I will willingly accept responsibilities and duties and consider all assignments as important.
- ◆ I will be flexible and understanding as I accept assignments on behalf of the FBLA Arizona.
- ◆ I will seek to profit by my mistakes, and to take suggestions and criticisms directed toward the improvement of my work and me.
- ◆ I will abide by the rules and regulations of my school.
- ◆ I will exercise initiative and responsibility and will cooperate with my employer and fellow workers.
- ◆ I will dress and act in a manner that will bring respect to me and to my school and FBLA.
- ◆ I will seek to improve my community by contributing my efforts and my resources to worthwhile projects.
- ◆ I will be willing to travel to serve the FBLA organization.
- ◆ I will be dedicated and committed to FBLA and the total program of the organization and business education.

I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the Code of Ethics and the high standards and tradition of FBLA.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Form E: Commitment Statement**

**State Officer Applicant**

If elected to serve FBLA as a member of the State Officer Team, I agree to:

*Place an x in each box and sign*

- Remain committed to my education and family obligations.
- Make FBLA state service my top priority after my education and family responsibilities.
- Follow the FBLA State Officer rules, guidelines, and responsibilities.
- Attend the State Officer Trainings as assigned above. This includes both in person and virtual trainings.
- Cooperate and communicate with my School, Chapter Adviser, Local Chapter, State Adviser, and State Association throughout the year.
- Attend all required meetings, activities, and events.
- Perform all assigned Officer responsibilities.
- Keep my School Administration, Local Adviser, and all State Staff informed of all activities.
- Maintain the highest degree of personal honor, integrity, and ethics.
- Have transportation to all FBLA events.
- Maintain my grades throughout my term.
- I understand that failure to attend any mandatory meeting or conference will result in loss of office, and I will return any clothing, travel items, or other items issued to me by the State if I am removed from office.
- I understand that failure to do my assignments on time and if I do not this will result in loss of office, and I will return any clothing, travel items, or other items issued to me by the State if I am removed from office.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Adviser**

If \_\_\_\_\_ is elected to FBLA State Office, I agree to:

*Place an x in each box and sign*

- Support this Officer if he/she is elected.
- Recommend for State Office **ONLY** those Applicants who are qualified and you feel are able to handle the workload and requirements of being a State Officer.
- Ensure that all school policies regarding travel and absences are communicated to the State Staff and that they are followed.
- Ensure that School Officials are appropriately informed of Officer activities.
- Assist the Officer in making appropriate travel arrangements for required activities.
- Monitor the Officer's academic program and communicate challenges to the State Director.
- Assist the Officer with the successful performance of his/her duties and responsibilities.
- Communicate with FBLA State Staff regarding any Officer performance issues.

Adviser Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**School Administrator (required for all FBLA Applicants)**

\_\_\_\_\_ is elected to FBLA State Office, I agree to:

*Place an x in each box and sign*

- Support this Officer if he/she is elected with the tools needed to fulfill his/her duties.
- Support the Adviser's role throughout the year as well as attendance at all required FBLA events.
- Enable the Officer to attend events required of a State Officer.
- Allow Officer to travel to and from the conference/activities deemed necessary to fulfill his/her duties as a State Officer, whether transported by the State, State Staff, their Adviser, another State Officer Parent, or any other appropriate means of transportation.
- If elected, the Administration will support the Executive Council by providing a Certified Teacher/Adviser as required by FBLA Bylaws to attend the regularly scheduled meetings with the State Officer.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_



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**Form F: Travel and Chaperone Consent**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

As indicated by our signatures below, we hereby give this Applicant permission to attend and travel to and from the conference/activities deemed necessary to fulfill his/her duties as a State Officer, whether transported by the State, State Staff, their Adviser, another State Officer Parent, another State Officer, the State Officer themselves, or any other appropriate means of transportation.

As a School Official, my signature below verifies that the above checked modes of transportation comply with our Student Transportation Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Administrator Title/Position Date

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the above Student Transportation Policy and agree to these conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Date

Service  
Education  
Progress

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**Form G: Application Certification**

**Directions:** The responsibility for sponsoring a State Officer Applicant rest with the Local Chapter of FBLA. Only Local Chapters that meet the criteria stated in the National Bylaws are eligible to nominate Applicants for State Office. Upon approval of the Local Chapter, the Applicant must forward this form to the State Director for certification. The form, along with ALL required supporting materials, must then be uploaded via the electronic submission form (Wufoo) no later than February 10.

**Certification by State Officer Applicant and Parent/Guardian (where applicable)**

*I agree to adhere to the State Office Applicant rules and regulations outlined in the work.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As the Parent/Guardian to \_\_\_\_\_, *I have read the duties and responsibilities of the office being sought and will be supportive of my son's/daughter's effort to fulfill this obligation and, if elected, term as an FBLA State Officer. I will provide the appropriate financial support for my son/daughter to fulfill his/her obligation as a State Officer.*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Support by Chapter Adviser (required)**

*The credentials for \_\_\_\_\_ are included in this application. The meets the qualifications for the office indicated. If elected, he/she will receive the full support of the School, Chapter, and Adviser in the execution of the duties of this office.*

Adviser Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Additional information will be sent upon receipt of this application.  
Thanks, and good luck!***