

# Dues and Special Recognition

## Dues and Membership

All Business and Information Technology students are members of FBLA on the local chapter level. To participate in activities beyond the local level, members must first pay state and national FBLA dues. State and national membership is a unified membership package and is not available separately.

State and national dues are paid annually. At the beginning of each school year, the National Office sends membership renewal information to each chapter that paid dues the previous school year. Chapters should follow the directions for online membership reporting.

Initial state and national dues are to be paid on or before November 1. To receive the fall issue of *Tomorrow's Business Leader*, members are required to pay national dues by October 20. Additional memberships may be submitted during the school year. All students participating in FBLA activities beyond the local chapter level must be on record as paying state and national dues by the date of the Regional Spring Conference or March 1, whichever comes first.

State and national dues will be submitted in one check to the National FBLA Membership Lockbox (see address below):

Dues	State	National	Total
FBLA High School	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$10.00
FBLA Middle Level	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$7.50

- Complete the online membership as usual.
- Write ONE check (made payable to FBLA) for both state and national dues.
- Send the check and the state and national copies of the membership form to:

FBLA Membership Lockbox  
P.O. Box 79063  
Baltimore, MD 21279-0063

**(Do not send any membership dues to the State Office.** The state's copies of the membership forms will be sent to the State Office periodically along with a check for the state's portion of the dues.)

Complimentary Adviser Membership will be given to the number of chapter advisers listed on the membership renewal form. Complimentary membership entitles each adviser listed to receive FBLA mailings.

# Special Recognition

## Honorary Membership

Honorary membership is extended to instructors, school superintendents, principals, teachers, businesspersons, and others who are helping to advance Business and Information Technology Education and the Future Business Leaders of America and who are rendering outstanding service. They may be elected to honorary membership in a local chapter by a majority vote of the chapter members at any regular meeting. Honorary members may not vote or hold any office except that of adviser in the local chapter. This presentation is made at the local level only.

## Honorary Life Membership

Persons making significant contributions to Business and Information Technology Education and to the growth and development of FBLA may be elected to honorary life membership in the FBLA State Chapter. These members may be recommended by local chapters but must be approved by the State Executive Board. They are not eligible to vote or hold office and are not required to pay dues.

## Adviser of the Year

Without capable adult leaders, students could not take advantage of the many opportunities offered through Future Business Leaders of America. Being an FBLA adviser takes special skills and a tremendous commitment of time and energy. Advisers motivate their chapters to take advantage of opportunities beyond the local chapter level, use a wide variety of available resources, and encourage student involvement.

The FBLA Adviser of the Year award recognizes that adviser who makes significant contributions to the organization beyond the local chapter level.

**Application Process:** The nominee must submit an online application ([FBLA Adviser of the Year Application](#)) and three required recommendations to the FBLA State Office by a date to be established annually. The letters of recommendation are to be from each of the following groups:

- FBLA member
- School administrator (principal, superintendent, Career and Technical Education director, etc.)
- Person of nominee's choice (another teacher, teacher educator, supervisor, etc.)

The application/recommendations may be submitted by the nominee or as a nomination by another adviser, teacher educator, local Business and Information Technology Education supervisor, professional colleague, or FBLA member.

**Review Process:** A committee appointed by the FBLA-PBL Specialist will evaluate each application. One person will be selected as the Adviser of the Year and will be recognized at the FBLA State Leadership Conference. Virginia FBLA's Adviser of the Year will be nominated as Outstanding Local Adviser in the national organization's Adviser Service Recognition program.

## Businessperson of the Year

Outstanding leaders from the business sector have contributed to the success of Virginia Future Business Leaders of America on the local, state, and national levels. Each school or region (one per entity) may nominate one (1) nominee for Virginia's Businessperson of the Year. Nominees must be members of the business sector, not students or educators.

Nominations must be submitted by the State Leadership Conference due date, a date established annually by the Virginia FBLA State Office. Nominations should include a letter or recommendation outlining the nominee's contributions to the local chapter(s) and/or region along with the nominee's resume. Nominations should include, but is not limited to:

- Years of participation in FBLA-PBL activities
- Promotion of FBLA-PBL through presentations and seminars
- Contribution to local/regional/state chapter projects and activities
- Financial assistance to and sponsorship of activities for local/regional/state activities

Nominees for Businessperson of the Year will be selected in accordance with the regulations of the national association. Each nominee attending the SLC will be recognized during the conference.