



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 dues. State and national membership is a unified membership package and is not available separately.

State and national dues are paid annually. Membership is from August 1 until July 31 of each fiscal year. Chapters should follow the directions on FBLA Connect for membership reporting. Chapters must have a minimum of 5 members to be considered an active chapter.

Initial state and national dues should be paid by October 20. Additional membership may be submitted during the school year. All students participating in FBLA activities beyond the local chapter level must be on record as a member by the registration deadline of your Regional Spring Leadership Conference or March 1, whichever comes first.

Dues	State	National	Total
FBLA High School	\$4	\$10	\$14
FBLA Middle School	\$3	\$10	\$13

Complete the online membership through FBLA Connect. Pay by one of the following methods:

- Credit card payment
- Check—made payable to FBLA and mailed to:
 - FBLA Membership Lockbox
POB 79063
Baltimore, MD 21279-0063

Do not send membership dues to the state office or VDOE. Adviser membership is complimentary.

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 the 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 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](#) and three required recommendations to the FBLA State Office by a date to be established annually. The letters of recommendations are to be from each of the following groups:

- FBLA Member
- School Administrator (principal, superintendent, CTE director, etc.)

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

Review Process: A committee appointed by the FBLA 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 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 of 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 activities
- Promotion of FBLA through presentations and seminars
- Contribution to local/regional/state chapter projects and activities
- Financial assistance to and sponsorship of activities for local/regional/state chapter activities