



Discover the State's Brightest Business Talents



THE ASSOCIATION

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) educational association of student members preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. The national association has four divisions: FBLA for high school students, FBLA-Middle Level for junior high, middle, and intermediate school students; Phi Beta Lambda for postsecondary students, and a Professional Division for others who would like to affiliate with the association. The FBLA concept was developed in 1937 by Dr. Hamden L. Forkner of Columbia University. In the fall of 1940, official sponsorship of FBLA was accepted by the National Council for Business Education; and on February 3, 1942, the first high school chapter was organized in Johnson City, Tennessee. The South Carolina State Chapter of FBLA received its state charter on February 20, 1949, and became State Chapter Number 5. Since that time, it has grown both actively and numerically while continuing to serve its primary function--producing quality business leaders.

MEMBERSHIP

There are over 250,000 active members in over 12,000 chartered chapters in 50 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Canada, U.S. Territories, and Department of Defense Dependent Schools worldwide. South Carolina FBLA's membership for 2017-2018 was 1,950 members in 84 high school chapters and 461 middle level members in 18 middle level chapters for a total membership of 2,498.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS PROGRAM

FBLA's national awards program recognizes and awards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. Through state-based competition at the District and State Leadership Conferences, students compete in events testing their business and technology knowledge and skills. Top state winners are then eligible to compete for honors at the National Leadership Conference each summer.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

FBLA sponsors conferences and seminars for members and advisers. These programs are designed to foster the development of business leadership skills. SC FBLA members have the competitive edge, as the best and brightest members compete in leadership events, share their successes, and develop career-building skills through workshops, officer campaigns, and networking with fellow members.

ENDORSEMENTS

FBLA-PBL is a nonprofit business student organization with a quarter-million students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. By connecting business and education, FBLA-PBL is preparing the next generation of future employees and the future leaders of the business world. FBLA-PBL is recognized by the Association for Career and Technical Education, National Association of Parliamentarians, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Business Education Association, and the U. S. Department of Education.

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