



# MEET TOMORROW'S FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS

VOLUNTEER AS A COMPETITIVE  
EVENT JUDGE AND INVEST IN  
CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE WORKFORCE



# JOIN US THIS APRIL

Join us at the California FBLA State Leadership Conference and share your expertise and advice with the next generation of business leaders. Students need your experience, wisdom, and stories to become the best leaders they can be. Judging is easy, because you already have the skills and expertise needed to do it. Judging competitive events requires a one-day commitment, and you'll be guiding students towards success in college and their future careers. Come for a few hours or make it an annual event – either way, leave knowing you made an impact.

**In-Person:** April 9 - 11, 2026  
Hilton Anaheim - Anaheim, CA

**California FBLA State Leadership Conference (SLC)**

## Online judging dates:

Prejudged: February 22, 2026 - March 13, 2026  
Production Tests: March 8, 2026 - March 29, 2026



**REGISTER TODAY**

<https://californiafbla.org/judge/sign-up/>



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was founded in 1942 by Dr. Hamden L. Forkner of Columbia University with the motto of “Service, Education, and Progress.” In over 75 years of continuous service FBLA concentrates in the area of business leadership, technology, and entrepreneurship. FBLA has more than 20 million alumni and 250,000 students in 7,000 state and local chapters in the USA and abroad competing in over 140 business, technology, and entrepreneurship competitions. FBLA’s mission is to inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.

# HOW STUDENTS COMPETE



## FALL | SELECT

Students choose from over 60 competitive event categories, ranging from personal finance to digital animation.



## WINTER | PRACTICE

Using skills learned in the classroom, students prepare for competition by studying, preparing their materials, practicing, and sometimes competing at the region level.



## SPRING | COMPETE

Students advancing to state competition will put their skills to the test at the SLC. As a judge, you will meet FBLA's best and brightest members as they present the projects they have been working on all year.



## SUMMER | SHOWCASE

California's top winners will head to NLC to compete for a winning spot on the International stage.



## WHY JUDGE?



### RECRUIT

Meet your future workforce and talent pool.



### PUBLICIZE

Showcase your organization to the state's top students and educators.



### SERVE

Give back and contribute to the community through service hours.



### INVEST

Mentor and help develop the next generation of leaders.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ■ WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

Only a willingness to see students succeed! If you have specific skills that can be useful in judging. Please let us know and we would love to find the right events for you!

## ■ WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS WILL I JUDGE?

FBLA has over 60 competitive event categories, ranging from personal finance to design animation.

LEARN ABOUT THE COMPETITIVE EVENTS PROGRAM AT: <https://californiafbla.org/competitions/>

## ■ HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IF I AM NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

We hope you will consider judging preconference events! Several FBLA events require pre-judging of written projects or reports prior to the conference. Your materials will be sent to you electronically, along with complete instructions and scoring sheets.

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## ■ WHO JUDGES?

Our judges come from a wide range of industries and backgrounds. Whether you are a business owner or new to an industry, your experience and insight is highly valuable to FBLA members.

## ■ WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Competition in-person judges are needed for April 9 - 11, 2026. Below is a typical judge schedule:

### FIRST HOUR OF JUDGING

Check-in, welcome meal and orientation

### APPROXIMATELY 4-6 HOURS

Evaluate Student Presentations

### END OF JUDGE DAY

Depart knowing you helped the next generation of future business leaders!

## ■ HOW DO I REGISTER?

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After registering, you will receive your event assignment two to three weeks before the conference, along with more details about the event. Your registration as a judge includes your full registration to the conference. We invite you to join us for our workshops, general sessions, and other special activities!

