



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM CHAPTERS ABOUT DECA MEMBERSHIP

Who can be a DECA member?

DECA membership is available to students with career interests in marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality and management in grades nine through twelve. DECA membership is also open to DECA advisors, alumni and professional members. Students who are in college may join Collegiate DECA. Each state/provincial association may have additional membership guidelines.

Who should join DECA?

All students who participate in DECA activities at the local, district, state and/or international levels should pay state/provincial/territorial and DECA Inc. dues. These activities include, but are not limited to, conferences, competitive events, online challenges, scholarship applications and more. Board policy states that all members, including advisors, must pay membership dues.

What are membership dues?

DECA Inc. membership dues are \$8 per person (student, advisor, alumni and professional) plus appropriate state/provincial/territorial dues. The list of dues is available at <http://www.deca.org/membership/highschool/> and automatically appears for your state/province/territory in the online membership system.

What is included in DECA membership?

In addition to an official membership card and pin, DECA members receive four issues of *Dimensions* magazine, have opportunities to attend conferences designed to prepare them for college and careers, can earn recognition and prove their knowledge in DECA's Competitive Events Program, can earn their share of more than \$300,000 in scholarships and more. DECA membership is for one school year.

What is the deadline for submitting membership?

DECA membership is open year-round; however, DECA encourages all chapters to activate their chapter by submitting initial membership by November 15. This ensures that the chapter continues to receive communication, publications and services from DECA Inc. The deadline for members to be eligible to compete at the International Career Development Conference is March 1. Each state/provincial association may have additional membership deadlines.

What is the minimum number of members needed on a roster?

The minimum chapter size is ten (10) student members and one (1) advisor (or any combination of 11 paid members). The only exception is in the case of a new or reactivated chapter, which has two years to obtain the minimum chapter size. In this case, please contact Michael Mount at michael.mount@deca.org.

Who is an alumni member?

Alumni members are individuals who have graduated and wish to remain involved with the program by paying the appropriate DECA Inc. and state/provincial/territorial dues. Alumni members receive a pin and card, one-year subscription to *Dimensions* (if a current address is provided) and the value of supporting an organization that has impacted them and additional emerging leaders and entrepreneurs.



Who is a professional member?

Professional members are individuals from the community (i.e., business leaders, judges, internship sponsors, counselors, administrators) who are active with the chapter. They must pay the appropriate DECA Inc. and state/provincial/territorial dues. Professional members receive a pin and card, one-year subscription to *Dimensions* (if a current address is provided) and the value of supporting an organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready.

Where do I login to submit my members?

The site can be accessed through our website at <http://www.deca.org/membership/highschool/> or the direct link is <http://www.decaregistration.com/hs/>.

How do I change a student's name?

Once a name is submitted it cannot be deleted or changed unless it is misspelled. Please submit any misspellings to Michael Mount at michael_mount@deca.org showing the incorrect spelling and the correct spelling.

Many of my students use nicknames. Should their full name or nickname appear on the roster?

When submitting names, use full names rather than nicknames. The name should appear the same on ALL documents (conference registration, competition, etc.) throughout the year.

How do I submit names of new members once my initial membership has been submitted?

Simply go back into the online membership system and enter new members the same way you entered the initial members. Double check to make sure your chapter information is still correct.