

Policies and Release Forms

To create a safe and meaningful educational environment and experience for all attendees, Iowa FBLA has adopted the following forms, policies, and procedures.

Statement of Respect

Iowa FBLA is committed to creating and maintaining a healthy and respectful environment for each attendee. Our philosophy is to ensure each attendee, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status, are treated equally and respectfully. Any behavior in the form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of each attendee to uphold and contribute to this climate.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Iowa FBLA requires all board members, officers, volunteers, and key employees to act in the best interest of Iowa FBLA at all times. To view the full policy, go to iowafbla.org/advisers.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Iowa FBLA will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, political party affiliation, or actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its programs, activities, or employment practices. To view the full statement, go to iowafbla.org/advisers.

Online Integrity Policy

Iowa FBLA is committed to providing a safe, productive, and welcoming environment for all

meeting participants and Iowa FBLA staff. To view the full policy, go to iowafbla.org/advisers.

Whistleblower Policy

Iowa FBLA aims to provide employees with an avenue for raising such concerns and to reassure such employees that they'll be protected from reprisal or victimization as a consequence of reporting the alleged wrongdoing of any officer, director, employee, or agent of Iowa FBLA. To view the full policy, go to iowafbla.org/advisers.

Comprehensive Consent Form

A form required to be signed by conference attendee and parent or legal guardian acknowledging and understanding the Personal Liability, Code of Conduct, FERPA Directory Information, and the Photography, Video, and Sound Release agreements. To read or complete the full consent form, go to iowafbla.org/advisers.

Adviser Assurance Form

A form required to be signed by the local adviser and school administration and turned in when arriving at the event. The form assures the supervising local adviser will carry and maintain all attendee's Comprehensive Consent Forms during the event. To read or complete the assurance form, go to iowafbla.org/advisers.



Appendix A: Adviser Assurance Form

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Adviser Assurance Form (for the Comprehensive Consent Form)

I, _____, Chapter Adviser for _____, verify that:
(Name of Adviser) (FBLA Chapter)

All conference-registered school representatives (including but not limited to students, instructors, advisers and observers) participating in Iowa FBLA sponsored conferences, have completed the Comprehensive Consent Form.

The Comprehensive Consent Forms of all conference-registered school representatives (including but not limited to instructors, advisers and observers) will remain in my possession at all times during any Iowa FBLA sanctioned conference.

I understand that, under no circumstances (other than those approved by the State Adviser and/or State Chair) I may not leave the conference premises for the entire duration of the conference. I agree to be the responsible party for my students and their actions.

I recognize and understand that Iowa FBLA will NOT collect the Comprehensive Consent Forms of my conference-registered school representatives (including but not limited to students, instructors, advisers and observers). I also have communicated the complete contents of this signed Assurance page with all Conference-registered school representatives (including but not limited to students, instructors, advisers and observers).

(Signature of School Adviser) (Date) (E-mail)

(Signature of Principal/Director/Dean) (Date) (E-mail)

Appendix B: Comprehensive Consent Form

This is to certify the named **Member/Participant** listed below has my permission to attend all Iowa FBLA sponsored State Leadership Conference activities. I also release Iowa FBLA, the school officials, the chapter advisers, conference staff, and Iowa FBLA staff and volunteers from any claims for personal injuries/damages which might be sustained while (s)he is traveling to and from an event or during an Iowa FBLA sponsored activity.

I authorize the below named **Educator/Adviser** or Iowa FBLA staff to secure the services of a doctor or hospital for the named **Member/Participant**. I will pay the expenses for necessary services in the event of accident or illness.

Member/Participant Name	Name: Age: DOB: Gender:
Local Chapter (School) Name	Name:
Name of Educator/Adviser/Supervising Member	Name:
Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s) & Phone	Name: Phone Number: Name: Phone Number:
Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number	Name: Phone Number:
Member/Participant Home Address	Address: City, State Zip:
Swimming Permission	<input type="radio"/> Yes, my child can/may swim <input type="radio"/> No, my child cannot swim/isn't permitted to swim
Medical Information	Known Allergies: Current Medication: Chronic Conditions: Physical Restrictions:

I have read and completely understand the **Personal Liability**, the **Code of Conduct**, **FERPA Directory Information**, and the **Photography, Video**, and **Sound Release** agreements, and by signing, do hereby agree to abide by these in their entirety, accept the conditions of the agreements, and completely release Iowa FBLA's national, state, regional, and local associations. **NOTE:** All participants must sign this form.

Member/Participant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Iowa FBLA Personal Liability

I hereby agree to release FBLA Inc. and Iowa FBLA, its representatives, agents, servants and employees from liability for any injury to the named person, resulting from any cause whatsoever occurring to the named person at any time while attending the Iowa FBLA event indicated on the other side of this page, including travel to and from the conference, excepting only such injury or damage resulting from willful acts of representatives, agents, servants and employees.

Having read and understood completely the “Code of Conduct” of Iowa FBLA, I do hereby agree to follow the procedures and practices described. I fully understand that this is an educational activity and will, to the best of my ability, apply myself for the purpose of learning and will uphold at all times the finest qualities of a person representing Iowa FBLA.

NOTE: All persons under legal age must have a parent or guardian sign this form (see other side). Otherwise, this form will be returned for a parent or guardian signature. All participants must sign this form.

Code of Conduct Agreement

The Iowa FBLA Leadership Conferences are designed to be an educational function and all plans are made with that objective. The Conferences represent Iowa FBLA’s most significant meetings of the year. Iowa FBLA wants every person to have an enjoyable experience with every attention paid to safety and comfort. All participants will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner best representing the nation’s greatest student organization. In order that everyone may receive the maximum benefits from their participation, the “Code of Conduct,” as established by the Iowa FBLA Iowa FBLA Board, must be followed at all times. Note that attendance is not mandatory. By voluntarily participating, you agree to follow the official conference rules and regulations or forfeit your personal rights to participate. We are proud of our students and know that by signing this “Code of Conduct” you are simply reaffirming your dedication to be the best possible representative of your school and chapter.

1. I will, at all times, respect all public and private property, including the hotel or motel in which I am housed.
2. I will spend each night in the room of the hotel or motel to which I am assigned.
3. I will strictly abide by the curfew established and shall respect the rights of others by being as quiet as possible after curfew.
4. I will not be in the sleeping room of the opposite sex.
5. I will not use alcoholic beverages. I will not use drugs unless I have been ordered to take certain prescription medications by a licensed physician. If I am required to take medication, I will, at all times, have the orders of the physician on my person.
6. I will not leave the hotel or motel without the express permission of my local chapter adviser.
7. My conduct shall be exemplary at all times.
8. I will keep my adviser informed of my whereabouts at all times.
9. I will, when required, wear my official identification badge.
10. I will respect the official FBLA dress.
11. I will attend and be on time for all general sessions and activities that I am assigned to and registered for.
12. I will adhere to the dress code at all required times

Violations and Penalties

I agree that if, for any reason, I am in violation of any of the rules of the conference I am attending, I may be brought before the appropriate discipline committee for an analysis of the violation. I also agree to accept the penalty imposed on me. I understand that any penalty and reasons for it will be explained to me before it is carried out. I further realize that the severity of the penalty may increase with the severity of the violation, even to the extent of being immediately sent home at my own expense.

1. Violations of Items 1 through 6 of the “Code of Conduct” will be grounds for disqualification, immediate removal from competition and relinquishment of awards and recognition. In addition, the violator will be sent home at his or her own expense. Notification of the violation and the action taken will be sent to the participant’s local school district and parents/guardians. The participant’s entire voting delegation could be unseated and the candidates or competitors from the participant’s local chapter could be disqualified as well.

2. Violations of Items 7 through 12 will result in a warning and reprimand. Notification of the violation and the action taken will be sent to the participant’s local school district administration and parents or guardians. Repeated violations of Items 7 through 12 may result in the participant being sent home at his/her own expense.

It is within the spirit of being a proud and meaningful member of FBLA that I agree to these rules of conduct by signing my name on the other side of this page.

Photography, Video and Sound Release

I hereby grant the Iowa FBLA permission to make still or motion pictures and sound recordings, separately or in combination and also give a production company approved by the Iowa FBLA permission to use the finished silent or sound pictures and/or sound recordings as deemed necessary.

Further, I so hereby relinquish to the Iowa FBLA all rights, title, interest in and income from the finished sound or silent motion pictures, still pictures and/or sound recordings, negatives, prints, reproductions and copies of the originals, negatives, recording duplicates and prints and further grant the Iowa FBLA the right to give, sell, transfer and/or exhibit the same to any individual, business firm, publication, television station, radio station or network or governmental agency or to any of their assignees, without payment or other consideration to me.

My agreement to perform under camera, lighting and stated conditions is voluntary and I do hereby waive all personal claims, causes of action or damages against the Iowa FBLA and the employees thereof, arising from a performance or appearance.

I hereby authorize Iowa FBLA to display my picture, school information (school, address and telephone number) and e-mail address on the Iowa FBLA website.

Appendix C: FERPA Waiver

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Iowa Future Business Leaders of America

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America**, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records. However, **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** to the contrary in accordance with **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** to include information from your child’s education records to higher education institutions, the military and Iowa FBLA partners.

Who may receive directory information?	Purpose for which directory information may be used?
Higher Education Institutions	Scholarship opportunities, open house events, Phi Beta Lambda communications, admissions contact
Military Recruiters	Military opportunities, scholarship opportunities, ROTC programs
Additional Iowa FBLA Partners	Internship, apprenticeship and job opportunities

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that partner with **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** for the promotion of college and career readiness. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without their prior written consent. **[These laws are Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).]**

If you do not want **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** in writing 30 days before the event. **Iowa Future Business Leaders of America** has designated the following information as directory information.

- Student's name
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Dates of participation
- Grade level
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Student membership number used to communicate in electronic systems