



Common Acronyms and Definitions

Organizations

- **ACTE** - Association for Career and Technical Education (National Professional Association for CTE Teachers and Administrators)
 - **IACTE** - Iowa Association for Career and Technical Education (State Professional Association for Iowa CTE Teachers and Administrators)
- **CTE** - Career and Technical Education
- **CTSOs** - Career and Technical Student Organizations
 - **FBLA** - Future Business Leaders of America (Business and Information Solutions Pathways) The organization is broken into three membership divisions
 - **FBLA Middle School** - Open to students in grades 5 through 9
 - **FBLA High School** - Open to students in grades 9 through 12
 - **FBLA Collegiate** - Open to students in postsecondary education
 - **BPA** - Business Professionals of America (Business and Information Solutions Pathways)
 - **DECA** - Formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America, now just DECA (Business Pathways)
 - **FCCLA** - Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (Human Services Pathway)
 - **FFA** - Formerly Future Farmers of America, now just FFA (AFNR Pathway)
 - **HOSA** - Formerly Health Occupation Students of America, now just HOSA - Future Health Professionals (Health Science Pathway)
 - **SkillsUSA** - Formerly SkillsUSA VICA or VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) (Skilled Trades Pathway)
 - **TSA** - Technology Student Association (Skilled Trades and Information Solutions Pathway)
- **NBEA** - National Business Education Association (National Professional Association for Business and Marketing Educators)
 - **IBEA** - Iowa Business Education Association (State Professional Association for Business and Marketing Educators)

Conferences and Events

- **SFLC** - State Fall Leadership Conference (a statewide conference focusing on networking and leadership development); also known as FLC, Fall Leadership Conference



- **UFLC** - United Fall Leadership Conference (a joint fall conference replacing SFLC once every four years in partnership with Iowa BPA and Iowa DECA, taking place in 2014, 2018, 2022, etc.)
- **NFLC** - National Fall Leadership Conference (a regional fall conference sponsored by National FBLA)
- **DLC** - District Leadership Conference (a district academic competition conference sponsored by Iowa FBLA) formerly referred to as RLC or Regional Leadership Conference
- **SLC** - State Leadership Conference (an academic competition conference sponsored by Iowa FBLA)
- **NLC** - National Leadership Conference (an academic competition conference sponsored by National FBLA)

Programs

- **BAAs** - Business Achievement Awards (an individual recognition program through National FBLA) This program currently has four levels
 - **Contributor Award** - Level one of the BAAs introducing students to the foundations of FBLA
 - **Leader Award** - Level two of the BAAs members learn the fundamentals of leadership
 - **Advocate Award** - Level three of the BAAs where members have the opportunity to select different business skills or content areas to develop further
 - **Capstone Award** - Level four of the BAAs where members design, complete, and reflect on a project that solves a real-world problem.
- **Business Battle** - An online testing tournament to prepare students for academic competition conferences
- **Champion Chapter** - A series of membership engagement-focused events and challenges that chapters may complete for national recognition.
- **FBLAOPOLY** - A statewide program focused on developing quality chapters through interactive activities completed by members and chapters.
- **State Officers** - An elected student leadership team representing the membership of Iowa FBLA across the state.

Software Systems

- **Blue Panda** - An online conference management system; accessible at app.gobluepanda.com.



- **Leadership Community** - Online forum for FBLA advisers to receive communications from National FBLA and ask questions to peers and National FBLA; accessible at leadershipcommunity.fbla.org.
- **Learning Center** - Students and achievers can access on-demand programming such as individual achievement awards, toolkits, and resources, and partner organizations. Accessible at learn.fbla-pbl.org.
- **LMS** - Learning Management System (FBLA's system is referred to as FBLA Learning Center).
- **my.FBLA** - FBLA's membership registration system and database, powered by Impexium. Accessible at my.fbla-pbl.org.
- **Zendesk** - FBLA's ticketing system for technical and support requests from National FBLA. Accessible at fbla.zendesk.com.

National Partners

- **Knowledge Matters** - Sponsors the Virtual Business Finance Challenge and Virtual Business Management Challenge, official national competitive events
- **Lead4Change** - A student leadership program focused on service-minded leaders for life with programming and classroom lessons aligned to national standards.
- **LifeSmarts** - A national educational competition focused on personal finance and consumer topics. A free program for 6th to 12th-grade students.
- **The Stock Market Game** - An online simulation for students to successfully manage an investment portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, using a hypothetical \$100,000 over ten weeks. The cost per team is \$10.95.
- **March of Dimes** - FBLA's national service partner focusing on the fight for the health of all moms and babies.
- **myOptions** - A nonprofit organization focused on free college and career planning. myOptions provides valuable tools and resources to students, parents, and high school faculty and staff nationwide.