

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



CEDAR RAPIDS | MARCH 24-26, 2024

Conference Hotel & Lodging

Iowa FBLA manages lodging for chapters attending the conference. Iowa FBLA will complete the reservation and payment process on behalf of the chapter. Using unapproved hotels or third-party companies may put the chapter and school at risk by not complying with state law on spending public use funds for unapproved lodging locations.

Chapters should budget and plan for a nightly hotel rate of \$170. \$170 is the highest rate of all approved hotel properties. The chapter's hotel preference may not be available when selecting the hotel choice; property rates shouldn't be used for budgeting and planning purposes. The chapter will be invoiced based on the pricing of the hotel assigned after the close of registration.

Hotel Selection Process

At the close of conference registration, the chapter adviser will receive an email to select the chapter's hotel choice. Hotel choice selection is based on FBLAOPOLY rankings. See the schedule below for when the adviser will receive the email at 8 AM on a respective day with the hotel selection link. All hotel selections must be made by February 26, 2024. After February 26, 2024 (5 PM), Iowa FBLA reserves the right to select hotels for any chapter based on availability.

February 20, 2024 - Gold Chapter Recipients

February 21, 2024 - Silver Chapter Recipients

February 22, 2024 - Bronze Chapter Recipients

February 23, 2024 - All other chapters

Hotel Room Sharing Requests

To reduce financial costs, chapters can share hotel rooms to maximize the number of students per room. When sharing hotel rooms across chapters, the process for sharing requests is below. Iowa FBLA will make every effort to complete sharing requests following the outlined procedure. Hotel availability may impact chapters' ability to share rooms.

- First, identify a school to share with at the same FBLAOPOLY level
- Confirm the same check-in and check-out days. Both chapters must select the same hotel
- Submit the sharing request via Blue Panda housing. Both chapters must confirm the share request

Hotel Compliance with Iowa Code

Iowa Administrative Code 80.45A requires all lodging facilities in Iowa to complete human trafficking training to accept public funds. The Iowa Office to Combat Human Trafficking certifies lodging facilities that have completed the required training. All conference and overflow hotels are certified by the Office to Combat Human Trafficking through the end of 2024.

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Official Hotel Properties

Property Name	Location	Amenities	Nightly Rate (per room)
DoubleTree by Hilton Cedar Rapids Convention Complex (Official Conference Hotel)	350 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	Free Wifi In Room Fridge	\$170.00
Comfort Inn & Suites Cedar Rapids North - Collins Road	2025 Werner Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 <i>(4.1 miles, 7 min from DoubleTree)</i>	Free Parking Free Breakfast Free Wifi	\$135.00
Holiday Inn Express Cedar Rapids (Collins Rd), an IHG Hotel	1230 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 <i>(4.5 miles, 7 min from DoubleTree)</i>	Free Parking Free Breakfast Movies by the Pool	\$140.00
Hampton Inn & Suites Cedar Rapids - North	1130 Park PI NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 <i>(4.8 miles, 8 min from DoubleTree)</i>	Free Parking Free Breakfast Free Wifi	\$145.00
Homewood Suites by Hilton Cedar Rapids-North	1140 Park PI NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 <i>(4.8 miles, 8 min from DoubleTree)</i>	Free Parking Free Breakfast Free Wifi In Room Fridge	\$150.00

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Our rates are rounded and include a nominal fee to cover upfront expenses related to securing affordable, quality hotel rooms within proximity to conference activities, are protected under Iowa FBLA's insurance policy, and meet Iowa Administrative Code 80.45A.

All hotels (excluding the DoubleTree) are within 1 mile of each other in North Cedar Rapids near ample dining, shopping, and entertainment options.