

# Nebraska FBLA Handbook

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## Section 4: Scholarships and Awards

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# FBLA Scholarship

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Sponsored by Nebraska FBLA

*Deadline: FEBRUARY 1*

## Overview

Two (2) \$500 scholarships will be presented to two outstanding senior FBLA members who are planning to attend a two-year or four-year institution next year.

## Eligibility

- One student per chapter.
- Applicants must have the intention of majoring in the business field.
- The \$500 must be used for tuition.

## Guidelines

- The applicant must complete the Scholarship Application, which must be typed.
- The applicant must submit a 500-word essay stating why he/she plans to further his/her education in business, why he/she is qualified, and his/her life goals. Essays for the scholarship must include the applicant's name and chapter at the top of the first page.
- The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation.
- A grade transcript including ACT scores must also be submitted.
- All materials must be submitted together in one packet; do not submit information in binders or folders.

## Deadline

Postmarked by **February 1**.

## Mail to

Nebraska FBLA  
PO Box 95072  
Lincoln, NE 68509-5072

## Judging

Entries will be judged by a selection committee.

## Awards

Certificates and two \$500 scholarships

Certificates to two alternates



7. What do you think are the most important things you have gained by being enrolled in Business Education?

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8. Name and address of the institution or college you plan to attend.

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9. Have you made application? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Explain your planned program of study, educational aims, career objectives, and ambitions.

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11. Explain in your own words your need for scholarship aid and your overall plan for financing your college education.

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12. Describe any employment you have had after school or during vacations.

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13. Applications must be postmarked by **February 1** and mailed to:

**Nebraska FBLA**  
**PO Box 95072**  
**Lincoln, NE 68509-5072**

# Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda Membership Scholarship

Sponsored by Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda

*Deadline: FEBRUARY 1*

## Overview

Two (2) \$100 scholarships, state and national dues for the first year of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) in Nebraska will be presented to two outstanding senior FBLA members who are planning to attend a two-year or four-year institution next year in Nebraska. Three (3) additional awards will be given to applicants to cover their state and national dues for their first year in Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda. These students must have the intention of joining and actively participating in Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda. The \$100 must be used for tuition.

## Eligibility

Each chapter may submit three applications for seniors who plan to join PBL in college.

## Guidelines

- Complete the Scholarship Application.
- Submit a one-page essay stating why the applicant plans to further his/her education in business, how he/she plans to be involved in Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), and what he/she will bring to Nebraska PBL. Essays for the scholarship must include the applicant's name and chapter at the top of the first page.
- Submit two letters of recommendation.
- Submit a grade transcript.
- Submit together in one packet all materials; do not submit information in binders or folders.

## Deadline

Postmarked by **February 1**.

## Mail to

Ted Harshbarger  
Nebraska State PBL Adviser  
Peru State College  
PO Box 10  
Peru, NE 68421-0010

## Judging

Selection committee of Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda Board of Directors and State Officers.

## Awards

Two \$100 scholarships and paid state and national dues for Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda for one year.

Three (3) additional students may receive paid state and national dues for Nebraska PBL for one year.



7. What do you think are the most important things you have gained by being enrolled in Business Education?

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8. Name and address of the institution or college you plan to attend in Nebraska.

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9. Have you applied? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Explain your planned program of study, educational aims, career objectives, and ambitions.

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11. Explain in your own words your need for scholarship aid and your overall plan for financing your college education.

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12. Describe any employment you have had after school or during vacations.

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13. Applications must be postmarked by **February 1** and mailed to:

**Ted Harshbarger**  
**Nebraska State PBL Adviser**  
**Peru State College**  
**PO Box 10**  
**Peru, NE 68421**

# All-State Quality Member Award

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*Deadline: MARCH 1*

## Overview

The All-State Quality Member Award is designed to recognize outstanding FBLA members who have served FBLA through extensive participation in all levels of FBLA's program of work.

## Eligibility

All FBLA members may apply for the All-State Quality Member Award.

## Criteria

- Each square in the first two vertical columns (Q and U) of the entry form should be checked or dated if the student has met the criteria in that square.
- In vertical columns A through Y, the participant will describe the activities in which he/she participated indicating the date of the activity.
- Although some activities could qualify under several column headings, it is up to the applicant's discretion to select an appropriate square and the activity should be listed **only one time**.
- Activities may only be placed under the appropriate column heading. Additional squares cannot be added, nor can you overflow to additional columns.
- The form must be completed on the computer and printed.

## Guidelines

- Participants may or may not have served as a local officer.
- The entry form for the All-State Quality Member Award is located on the Nebraska FBLA website under State Leadership Conference Registration Information.
- The entry form must be received in the state office by the state conference registration deadline.
- **Only FBLA activities may be used.** To avoid confusion, use committee names when possible to describe the activities.
- **Each FBLA activity may be used only once.** Example: conducting Adopt-A-Highway clean up on two different dates counts as one activity, attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting on two different dates counts as one activity, attending a chapter meeting and listening to a businessperson at the meeting counts as one activity.
- The entry form must be completed on the computer.
- Dates or date ranges must be indicated in each applicable square. Please list the month, day and year. Example: 9/14/18 OR 9/14 – 9/20/18
- Eligible participation in activities **must** be conducted between the dates noted on the form.
- Only one chapter fundraising activity can be used and it must be listed in the fundraising square under Chapter Contributions. Please describe the FBLA fundraising activity in that square.
- The following information is not meant to be limiting. The descriptions and examples given are designed to clarify questions.



- **Meetings and Conferences Attended.** Each square represents attendance at local, state, and national conferences. Attendance at specific conference workshops/seminars may not be used in other squares if the conference has been used as an activity.
- **Chapter Contributions.** Chairmanship or membership in additional committees may be utilized in other squares. Each committee must be identified.
  - A maximum of four (4) members can be considered as instrumental in the preparation of an SLC report, which includes the American Enterprise Project, the Community Service Project, the Local Chapter Annual Business Report, and the Partnership with Business Project.
  - The Business Plan and the Business Financial Plan (with a maximum of three members) can also be counted as an SLC report.
  - Only one chapter fundraising activity can be used and it must be listed in the fundraising square under Chapter Contributions. Please describe the FBLA fundraising activity in that square.
  - The following suggested activities would be acceptable in the empty square:
    - Develop program of work
    - Assist with chapter projects
    - Chairmanship or membership in an additional committee
    - Instrumental in mentoring, chartering, or reactivating other chapters
- **Community Service.** Any FBLA sponsored activity that benefits your community (not your school or chapter) can be counted in this column. Fundraising activities for the chapter can only be listed in the Chapter Contributions fundraising square. Activities designed for the sole purpose of chapter fundraising do not qualify as a community service.
  - Examples include:
    - Raising funds for the Nebraska FBLA Foundation, the March of Dimes, or other charitable organizations
    - FBLA sponsored volunteer activities
    - You may list one Community Service Award (CSA level).
- **School Service.** FBLA activities designed to provide service to the local school should be used. Activities designed as service to the local chapter should not be used.
  - Examples of school service:
    - Serving refreshments at an open house
    - Purchasing items to benefit your school (vending machine, tree, notebooks)
    - Picking up trash after a football game
    - Assisting with end-of-year cleaning and inventory
    - Conducting new student orientation

- Organizing/educating for your school recycling project
  - Conduct tours for orientations, open houses, PT conferences
  - FBLA involvement with other students
  - Help with homecoming week
- **Public Relations.** Only one article written and published by the same individual at any level (local, the Pledge, Tomorrow's Business Leader) will qualify for a square in this column.
  - Possible activities may include:
    - Letters to alumni for FBLA Foundation donations
    - Presentations
    - Media coverage
    - FBLA Week promotion
    - Open houses
    - Recognition of community leaders
    - Creation of promotional items, i.e. posters, flyers, brochures
  - Development and/or maintenance of FBLA chapter website
    - No more than two members can be listed for this item
  - Development and/or maintenance of a social media platform
    - No more than two members can be listed for this item per platform
      - 2 members for Instagram, 2 members for Facebook, etc.
  - Letter(s) to state and federal government officials supporting Career Education and/or FBLA
  - Writing letters to multiple government officials counts as one activity.
- **Leadership Development.** Holding a local office qualifies for a square in this column. Officer position must be identified. Performing officer duties should not be listed in an additional square.
  - Recruiting a minimum of three members qualifies for a square in this column, however you must list all three new member's names (names cannot be repeated).
  - Participating in a collaborative activity with another school organization or business qualifies for a square in this column.
  - Attaining one or more of the National Business Achievement Award levels during the current school year qualifies for this column. May use one square per level.
  - Other examples:
    - Summer officer retreat
    - Elementary/middle school presentations
    - Presentations at SLC/FLC/NFLC/NLC
    - FBLA presentation at a school board meeting
  - Peer mentors

- **Professional Activities.**
  - Possible activities may include:
    - Attendance at Advisory Council or Chamber of Commerce meetings
    - Business and industry tours
    - Job shadowing
    - Business competition day (other than the one already listed in column Q)
    - Special speakers/programs (other than FBLA conferences and workshops)
    - Career day/night
    - Other FBLA activities that promote professionalism and career awareness
    - Etiquette dinner
    - Dress for success day
    - Recruit a professional member and/or event sponsor (must list name, no names can be duplicated within the chapter)

## Judging

The Board of Directors will review and screen the entry forms. Evaluated applicants' forms totaling 100 points or more will be recognized at the State Leadership Conference. Applicants are encouraged to submit forms totaling more than 100 points.

## Awards

Any student earning 100 points or more on the All-State Quality Member Award evaluation form will receive recognition at the SLC.

## National Entry

There is no national event for the All-State Quality Member Award.

# Outstanding Local Reporter Award

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*Deadline: MARCH 1*

## Overview

This award is designed to recognize a chapter reporter for outstanding reporting at the local level. One reporter will be selected by the State Reporter as the recipient for the Outstanding Local Reporter Award and will be recognized at the State Leadership Conference.

## Eligibility

Each chapter is eligible to submit one (1) entry.

## Guidelines

- The applicant must complete the Outstanding Local Reporter Application Form.
- The applicant must include all of his/her FBLA work that has been submitted for publication from March 1 of the previous year to February 28 of the current year.

## Deadline

Postmarked by **March 1**.

## Mail to

Nebraska FBLA State Reporter at the address provided on the entry form on the following page.

## Judging

Selection will be made by the current State Reporter.

## Award

Plaque

