



# State Leadership Conference Adviser Information/Updates 2024

**Together We Achieve!**—Chapters met the challenge through participation in state projects, competitive events, and chapter activities. Results will be announced throughout the conference with a recap following the SLC.

**SLC Registration**—The 2024 SLC registration stands in 2044 total registered from 135 chapters! 1748 high school members and 99 middle school members.

## SLC Information

**Conference Headquarters**—Jacqui Garrison will greet you in conference headquarters located in the Silver Ballroom #1. You can contact conference headquarters throughout the conference by calling:

- Nebraska FBLA Cell Phone – 531.530.7648
- Jacqui's Cell Phone – 308-440-5780
- Adviser Only Group Me - <https://bit.ly/AdviserGroupMe> - Must subscribe to access chat.

**Conference Program**—Download the conference app. <https://nebraskafbla.org/sched>  
Please print the schedule prior to conference for members that do not have smartphones to use at conference. No hardcopies available on site.

Make sure to have students go to settings the Wednesday before conference and select "Refresh All Data" This will ensure they have all the latest changes/updates! By using the NECTE Events application, conference participants will receive announcements throughout conference.

**Name Badges**—Replacement name badges can be made for members and advisers in conference headquarters (YCC - North - Silver 1).

**Adviser Hospitality Room**—The adviser hospitality room is in Younes Conference Center North Bronze 4. Coffee, tea, soda, water, and snacks will be available. No students will be allowed in the Hospitality Room.

- Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Friday from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm.

**Friday Evening Activities**—Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors is holding multiple options for social activities this year. All activity proceeds will be donated to the Nebraska FBLA Foundation Trust. Advisers will need to sign up their members prior to conference as the Big Apple Fun Center would like to receive a head count Friday, April 5 prior to conference.

If you signed up for an activity, you will receive wrist bands for your chapter. The wristbands are your ticket to each of the activities. Team Building with Team Concepts is the only activity that will have tickets available at the conference. All other activities require pre-registration.

1. Team Building with Team Concepts at Younes Conference Center-North
  - a. \$2/person donation to Foundation or free when member wears SLC t-shirt.
2. Kearney Cinema 8
  - a. Movie Kung Fu Panda 4 (\$10/person includes small popcorn and pop)
  - b. Movie Author the King (\$10/person includes small popcorn and pop)
3. Big Apple Fun Center
  - a. Bowling (\$10/person includes shoes and one game of bowling) Up to 6 people to a lane.
  - b. Miniature Golf (\$6/person includes one round of golf) max of 4 people to a group.
  - c. Laser Tag (\$10/person)

**Professional Headshots** – Baer Studios will be at SLC on Friday, April 12 from 10am to 2pm at YCCN to take professional headshots for members and advisers. Students will receive their digital photo at no cost to them. Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors is providing all members and advisers with the digital copy. Physical photos can be purchased through Baer Studios.

**Event Sponsors**— Thank you to the chapters that helped with securing competitive event sponsors for this year's conference. As of today, we have 55/76 high school and 4/20 middle school competitive events sponsored and 15 conference sponsors. Advisers, your help in recruiting event sponsors makes a difference!

## **Food Options at Conference**

**Area Restaurants** – There will not be stations or buffets at Younes Conference Center due to the low number of sales last year. We have been in contact with Fyre and Cunningham's about a special FBLA menu that will be available to conference attendees. Must show your name badge to get the FBLA special menu. More details will be available as they are available.

**Friday Evening Buffet**—The Friday evening buffet is covered in the registration fee. Name badges for advisers, members and chaperones are the admission ticket to the buffet. Business attire is required.

**Curfews**—Thursday's curfew is 11:30 p.m. and Friday is 12 midnight. Only advisers are allowed in the hotel hallways after curfew.

**Curfew Supervision**—Advisers should remain in the hallways after curfew to help monitor students. Nebraska FBLA provides security officers to patrol the Younes Conference Campus on Thursday and Friday evenings. Security will contact chapter advisers if there are issues.

**Adviser Work Schedule**—Advisers, your help with the competitive events is essential to the success of the conference. **If you cannot make a work assignment, please find a replacement.** Please review the assistant guidelines provided in your registration packet. You are asked to report 20 minutes early for an event (especially for the performance events) to receive your instructions from the event chairperson. If you need a copy of the adviser work schedule, there are extra copies in conference headquarters. A schedule is also posted online and in the Sched App.

**State Officer Campaign** – We have 23 candidates running for the 6 officer positions this year.

- **Campaign Booths** – Encourage your members to visit the campaign booths to meet the members running for 2024-2025 State Officer Leadership Team.
- **Caucus Questions**—Chapter caucus questions may be submitted any time before 7pm on Thursday via the online form: <https://bit.ly/SLCcaucus> Join the officer candidates in YCCN – Gold Ballroom Thursday at 7pm to hear the answers to questions you submit.
- **Preliminary Voting** – We will hold preliminary voting for the officer positions that have more than 2 candidates running for that position. Preliminary voting will take place on Friday from 2-4:30pm at the registration desk. Please send those students you select as your voting delegates for voting. Bring a mobile device or laptop to complete the online voting at the registration desk at YCCN.
- **Delegate Assembly** – Friday from 6-7pm in YCCN – Gold Ballroom. Please make sure all delegates from your chapter are in attendance for the delegate assembly for the final rounds of voting for the 2024-2025 State Officer Leadership Team. Delegates must be seated by 6pm. There are assigned seats by chapter. Non-voting delegates may attend and sit in the section not for delegates. Voting will take place online. Please bring with you a smartphone or laptop to access voting site.

**Dress Code**—If each adviser enforces the dress code for his/her members, there will be 100 percent compliance to the dress code! Reminder: No Sperry/HeyDude-style shoes, work boots, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, or exercise pants.

- Students should be in business attire until after the last scheduled activity each day.
- The last scheduled activity Thursday evening is the Formal Caucus.
- The last scheduled activity Friday evening is the Awards of Excellence Program #1.
- Students may wear blue jeans to the social event if they wear their 2024 FBLA SLC t-shirt.
- The Board of Directors will review students' attire before the students are allowed on stage to accept awards.

**Saving Seats**—To be respectful of other chapters as well as the preparations needed prior to the general sessions, the following guidelines are in place for chapters saving seats:

- Seats may be saved starting at the following times:
  - Thursday: 12:15 p.m.
  - Friday: 7:30 p.m.
  - Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
    - **Foundation VIP** Chapters will have reserved seating for Awards on Saturday morning.
- A representative of the chapter **must be present** to save seats. If a section is marked as saved but no chapter representative is present, the items used to save the seats will be removed.
- Signs should not be posted on each chair.
- **All** products used to save seats must be removed by the chapter when the general sessions are over.
- Save only the number of seats needed for your chapter.
- Fill chairs leaving empty seats at the end of the row.
- We will have a full house and every chair will be occupied.

Please do not try to save seats prior to the designated start time. Be respectful of the state officer practice sessions and the production staff, who produce the general sessions.

**Take-home Packets**—Your chapter's take-home packet will be located on the Registration Counters counter following the Saturday morning Awards Program. If you leave the conference early, please pick up your packet in conference headquarters (Silver 7).

**SLC Evaluation**—Please complete the online SLC evaluation by April 15. Your input helps us plan for next year! <https://bit.ly/SLCEVAL>

## Competitive Events

**Honorable Mentions**—Honorable mention (HM) winners (4% of event participants) will receive a certificate in the chapter take home packet.

**Dress Code Judging**—Judges in the performance events review competitors' attire during the competition. Five points will be deducted from the competitor's/team's score if the dress code is not followed. The deduction is 5 points and cannot be made for more or less points. If one team member does not meet the dress code, it is a 5-point deduction.

**Job Interview Appointment Times**—Seniors should submit their letter of application and resume on prior to SLC on Blue Panda. All students will receive their preliminary interview time slot prior to conference. <https://nebraskafbla.org/conference/slc>

**Competitive Event Conflicts**—If you have a conflict with presentation events, you will want to work with other chapters to see if you can switch times. Chairpersons of events will make the decision to accommodate competitors when event conflicts arise. The chairpersons will do everything in their power to work in finalists for the interview and performance events. At times, however, it is not possible to avoid conflicts; students will need to make a choice between events.

For Objective test events, there is now a standby time to help avoid conflicts with objective testing. Attend the performance event first and test event second. Competitors must complete the objective test on the assigned day. For team events, they must all test at the same time.

**Thank-you Notes**—Students receiving Places 1-3 in their respective events are asked to send a thank-you note or letter to the event sponsor. Students competing in the judged events should also send a thank-you note to the judges. Addresses of event sponsors and judges are available on the website.

## National Leadership Conference – Orlando, Florida

### Award Winners – NLC Sign-up – **Starting April 14 – Deadline April 22**

- The top 3 places in ALL events qualify for the NLC. *Middle Level events qualify the top 2 places to attend NLC.*
- Complete the online Google Spreadsheet (<https://bit.ly/2024NLCsignup>) starting April 14 to confirm what events your top 3 winners will be competing in.
  - Please indicate the top 3 winners intent to participate by end of day April 15.
    - *Starting on April 16, the next competitor on the list will have 24 hours to indicate intent before we move to the next competitor to help ensure we have our list of competitors finalized by April 22.*
  - Each student is allowed to compete in one (1) individual/team event and one (1) chapter report event.
  - Indicate the student's interest in competing at NLC by placing a Y (yes) or N (no) in the column.
  - Nebraska only takes the top 3 winners for high school and top 2 for middle school in each event to NLC.
- If you have a student in an event where one or more of the top 3 winners have selected not to compete at NLC in that event, please continue to indicate your students interest to compete at NLC until all events have 3 Yes's for high school and 2 Yes's for middle school!
- Make sure you only click in the row for your chapter. This will ensure that other advisers may edit cells for their student. 😊

| Event        | Place | NLC - Y/N | Awardee      | Chapter |
|--------------|-------|-----------|--------------|---------|
| Accounting I | 1     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | 2     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | 3     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | 4     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | 5     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | 6     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | 7     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | 8     |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | HM    |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | HM    |           | student name |         |
| Accounting I | HM    |           | student name |         |

\*\*To speed up the process, let students know if they made stage Friday evening or Saturday morning, there is a chance they could be asked to attend NLC.

\*\*You will only be able to edit the NLC Y/N column and Notes/Team changes column.

\*\*Please don't share this spreadsheet link with your students.

### **April 15 from 4:30-5:30pm CT/3:30-4:30pm MT –NLC Q&A with Nebraska FBLA. –**

Join Nebraska FBLA for an informational session about this year's National Leadership Conference in Orlando. They will cover travel, registration, and general conference information.

**April 26 NLC Registration Deadline for State Travel**—Nebraska FBLA is working with the Nebraska FBLA Travel Team (Pat Hinkle, Bellevue West and Shawna Koger, Arlington) to arrange for NLC travel. Detailed information regarding the NLC registration process is posted on the Nebraska FBLA website (<https://nebraskafbla.org/conference/nlc/>) and is also included in your registration packet.

**May 6 Submission Deadline for NLC Competitive Event Items**—Submit competition items. Please see the NLC instructions for the specific **new** procedures. This will give the state staff the week to ensure everything has been submitted correctly.

## FBLA Thanks

### State Project Thanks

- State Officer Team – Ribbon Project verification and ribbon sorting.
- Shawna Koger, Arlington – iGive

**Conference Assistants**—Please thank Joann Marquez, BMIT/FBLA/DECA Assistant, Sadie Shriver, Nebraska FBLA State Officer Coordinator, Lois Hixson, Competitive Event Project Manager for their contributions to this year's SLC. These outstanding individuals complete numerous pre-conference activities as well as serving many hours in conference headquarters ensuring your members have a spectacular experience!

Our Advisory Council members volunteered numerous hours to serve as event judges as well as coordinating the Presidents' Recognition. We also thank the FBLA Board of Directors, FBLA Advisory Council, local chapter advisers, and volunteers who helped prepare for the conference.

**Jacqui's Thanks**—Advisers, thank you for the leadership and dedication you provide your members. It is an honor working with you to support your work at the local level and to grow Nebraska FBLA. We are so proud of all that you do to keep Nebraska FBLA as one of the best state chapters in the nation! Thank you for making this year as your state adviser a great one! Let's continue to take Nebraska FBLA to work together to achieve greatness!

## Upcoming Events

**Board of Directors Ballot**—Your ballot for the Board of Directors was included in your registration packet. Please return the ballot to conference headquarters.

**SLC Evaluation**—Please complete the online SLC evaluation by April 15. Your input helps us plan for next year! <https://bit.ly/SLCEVAL>

**NCE Conference** - Please plan to attend the 2024 Nebraska Career Education Conference June 3-5, 2024 in Kearney, NE. Registration opens April 15.

***Remember “Together We Achieve” because of your guidance and leadership to your members throughout the year.  
Thanks for making this a great year!***