



# State Leadership Conference

Ocean City, March 14-16

## **Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit** (*Hollis and Kitty Guy Award*)

The Hollis and Kitty Guy Award recognizes outstanding local chapters that have actively participated in projects and programs identified with the goals of FBLA.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Registered to complete the Local Chapter Annual Business Report.
2. Complete and submit online the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit nomination form (listed on the website) to the Competitive Events Committee to be received by the given deadline.
3. Be on record in the FBLA national office as paying dues for at least five members by October 20 of the current school year.
4. Have at least five (5) student members complete the activities of the Business Achievement Awards Program in the current school year and submit the required paperwork to National FBLA-PBL to receive the award.
5. Submit a candidate for Businessperson of the Year
6. Have at least five (5) student members attend the State Fall Leadership Conference for the current school year.
7. Meet a minimum of three suggested criteria listed under guidelines.

### **Guidelines:**

The suggested criteria for the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit will guide the judges in the evaluation process.

Criteria may include:

- Maintained or increased local chapter membership over last year's total and submitted to National FBLA the Membership Achievement Award application
- Planned and conducted visitations to business and industry
- Involved businesspersons and other professionals in chapter activities
- Conducted a Community Service Project
- Conducted an FBLA public relations program in the school and community and documented the activities with newspaper clippings and reports of radio/TV coverage
- Participated in the LifeSmarts event
- Participated in one of the two Virtual Business Challenge events

Chapters will upload a one-page report of the guidelines they met. Upon receipt of the entry form, the judges will audit state office records for adherence to regulations.

### **Awards:**

- State: The number of awards presented at the State Leadership Conference is determined by the number of nominations verified by the judges.
- National: Maryland State FBLA may enter up to 15 percent of its total active chapters for national honors.