

2019 FBLA State Leadership Conference
Hunt Valley, Maryland
March 28-30, 2019

SLC Advisor Information
Advisor Update #6

General SLC Information- Part 2

February 26, 2019

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1. State Leadership Conference website

All information and forms related to the State Leadership Conference have been posted to the following website: <http://www.mdfla.org/2019-state-leadership-conference.html>. You have received multiple e-mails regarding the SLC with various attachments. To help keep track of the information and documents, they have all been posted on this one website.

2. REMINDER–Key Deadlines for 2019 Maryland FBLA State Leadership Conference

February 27, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last day to register for conference ▪ Special needs form and special dietary needs form due (submitted online)
March 4, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SLC online testing window opens
March 18, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Production tests due (submitted online)
March 20, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All money due for SLC ▪ Photos for use in conference slideshow due (upload to http://upload.mdfla.org/)
March 22, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SLC online testing window closes at 5 p.m. (all testing must be completed by this time)
March 28, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Leadership Conference check-in begins at 10 a.m. ▪ Select competitive events begin at Noon ▪ State Officer Candidate mandatory meeting - 11 a.m. at The Hunt Valley Inn Baltimore (must be attended by the candidate running for office, the candidate's local chapter advisor, and the candidate's campaign manager)

3. March of Dimes basket raffle

At this year's State Leadership Conference, we will once again host a basket raffle for the March of Dimes. **We are asking each chapter bring a themed basket to be donated for the raffle.** The raffle drawing will be held during Friday evening's general session. Conference attendees will be able to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one or more of the baskets, and will drop their tickets into the containers located in front of each basket. All money

raised will be donated to the March of Dimes. The chapter who donates the basket that receives the most raffle tickets sold will receive an award for the "Best Basket"! **Complete details on the basket raffle and guidelines/instructions are included in the attached document entitled "March of Dimes Basket Raffle Packet."**

This project has been a huge success for several years with some very creative basket themes and really great gifts. **Please let your students know that tickets will be sold (2 for \$1, 15 for \$5, or 100 for \$20) during the conference so they know to bring money if they would like to participate in this fundraiser for the March of Dimes.**

A special thanks goes to Jessica McGowan, North East High School FBLA Advisor and Maryland FBLA-PBL Board of Directors member, for coordinating and organizing this important project to benefit the March of Dimes. **Any questions related to the basket raffle should be directed to Jessica at jamcgowan@ccps.org.**

4. REMINDER—photos for slideshow during General Sessions

We are compiling photos from all chapters for use in a slideshow that will be shown during the countdown for each general session of the conference (Thursday's opening session, Friday's general session, and Saturday's awards program). This is a great opportunity for your members to have the chance to see themselves on the big screen! The photos can be of your members participating in chapter activities such as chapter meetings, social events, community service projects, regional conferences, etc.

Once your chapter has gathered your photos, please upload them to the following website: <http://upload.mdfbla.org/>. **All photos must be submitted by March 20.**

This initiative won't be successful without photos from every chapter, so please start getting your chapter and member photos together now.

5. Dress code

A copy of the dress code is attached to this e-mail. Please share this with your students, other advisors, chaperones, and guests. The dress code applies to all attendees and all portions of the conference with the exception of the Thursday social event and Friday's dance, which the students may wear casual attire (jeans, t-shirts, etc.). Please make sure all of your students and chaperones are aware of the dress code so they aren't denied the opportunity to compete or participate in a portion of the conference because they are not in compliance with the dress code. You and your students should arrive dressed in professional attire in accordance with the dress code as there will not be an opportunity to change clothes.

6. Code of Conduct

Please share the Code of Conduct (attached to this e-mail) with your students. Please let them know that they are expected to follow the rules listed in this document. We will once again have police officers on duty from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Thursday and Friday. They will enforce any violations of the code of conduct and the students will be sent home at their expense and/or formal police action will be taken. Please explain the seriousness of this to your students so we can avoid any unfortunate situations.

7. Bylaw revision

The Maryland FBLA-PBL Board of Directors approved a revision to the Maryland FBLA constitution and bylaws that increases dues from \$6 to \$8. This dues increase will be effective August 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The \$2 dues increase will be used for the purpose of sponsoring Maryland competitors at the National Leadership Conference. This money will not go to the Maryland FBLA general fund but has a specific purpose of being used by the Maryland FBLA Foundation to provide financial assistance to Maryland FBLA students in the form of a National Leadership Conference stipend.

The bylaw revision was approved by the Board of Directors and will be voted on at the voting delegate session on Friday evening of the conference, March 29. Please share the bylaw revision document with your members and your chapter's two voting delegates. Please encourage the support of this amendment as the dues increase will go back directly to our members.