

Utah DECA

Everything You Need (or Want) To Know

Fall Conference

Fall conference is held each year in early October. It is a conference intended to give leadership training to chapter officers and in-service training to chapter advisors. Each chapter is allowed to bring up to ten chapter officers to the conference. Traditionally, it begins on a Thursday evening and runs until Saturday at noon. Students must be DECA members to participate in this event.

Regional Fall Competitions

Starting in 2003, Utah DECA began authorizing a fall competition for DECA in each region of the state. Each year we plan to hold an invitational in the Northern Region, the Southern Region, and a combined Central Region competition. At these competitions, students will be able to enter a competition similar to the competitions held at the state conference. Role plays and a new written tests are furnished by Utah DECA. Schools may apply to the Utah DECA Board of Directors to hold these competitions. Students must be DECA members to participate in these events.

Regional Spring Competitions

Region competitions are held each year in late January or early February. These competitions are authorized by Utah DECA and are usually held at area colleges. At these competitions, students will again be able to enter a competitive event similar to those held at the state competition. New role plays and tests are furnished by Utah DECA. At this time, these are not qualifying events for the state competition. Students must be DECA members to participate in these events.

Utah DECA Career Development Conference

This competition is held in early March each year. It is a two day conference with an opening session and written testing and the quiz bowl being held on the first evening, and preliminary competitive events, written event interviews, mini awards, finals for each event, and the grand awards session held on the following day.

Some rules for our competition

1. Each chapter is allowed entries into each event based on the size of the chapter with five entries per event being the minimum. Exceptions to this rule are the quiz bowl and chapter written events where only one entry per chapter is allowed.

2. Written team events in Utah are only allowed to have 1-2 competitors per entry. This differs from the national rule of 1-3 per entry. Exceptions to this are the chapter written events which do allow 1-3 competitors per event. However, funding to attend the national competition is only provided to two of the three competitors, although all three may attend the national conference.

3. Students may enter one written event and one role play event at the state competition. They may win in each of the events, but will only be allowed to attend the national conference in one event. This is a national rule. Students may choose which event to enter at nationals, but are encouraged to stay with the written event.

Students who enter the team management role play events should only enter the team written events if they have the same partner in each event. Students who enter the team management role play events should not enter individual written events.

Students may be on a quiz bowl team and still enter other events. They will, however, have to choose an event in they win in more than one.

National Career Development Conference

Utah DECA takes three entries to the national conference in every event except quiz bowl where only two entries are permitted. Our state CTE travel funds will pay one-half of the cost of attending the national conference (up to a \$300 maximum) for each first place winner and newly elected state officers. Our state DECA funds will usually pay \$50.00 less than is received by first place winners for 2nd and 3rd place winners and current state officers (subject to funds availability).

Students receiving the travel allowance must travel with the state and stay in the assigned hotel.

There are sometimes a limited number of slots available for other students to attend the leadership training academies that are run at the national conference. These slots become available if there are extra airline tickets and hotel spots available.