



# NEBRASKA FBLA E-NEWS

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**FBLA . . . A Sure Bet!** – Your Board of Directors invites you to join them **Monday, June 7**, at the Kearney Holiday Inn for a fun workshop designed for FBLA advisers. “FBLA . . . A Sure Bet!” is designed to enhance your FBLA chapter by providing program of work ideas, recruitment strategies, chapter officer training and much more! There is no cost to the workshop. Watch for registration details later this spring. Save the date now . . . it’s a sure bet!

**New National Board Member** – Congratulations to Pat Olson, Blair, who was appointed to serve a three-year term on the National Board of Directors representing Nebraska and the Mountain Plains Region as a local chapter adviser!

**Special Olympics** – A special opportunity awaits FBLA chapters in July! Please consider including this activity in your chapter’s Program of Work for 2010-2011. The Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games are being held in Lincoln on **July 18-23, 2010**. As the host state, Nebraska needs to provide 8,000 volunteers, and your FBLA members can be a part of the volunteer group! The deadline to register is **May 1**.

Please visit the website at [www.2010specialolympics.org](http://www.2010specialolympics.org) to look over the many opportunities that Special Olympics will provide. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Awards, Ceremonies, Delegation Services, Food Services, Family Services, General/Administration, Information Services, Merchandising, Sports, and more.

Nebraska FBLA has been challenged to provide 50 volunteer members for the Special Olympics. A volunteer needs to be 16 years of age and should plan to commit to a minimum of 8 hours (1 day). A group affiliation for Nebraska FBLA has been added to the website so when your students register as a volunteer they should select **Nebraska FBLA** as their group affiliation.

## Steps for Online Registration – Deadline May 1

1. Go to [www.2010specialolympics.org](http://www.2010specialolympics.org)
2. Click the **VOLUNTEER** button at the top of the page
3. Create an ‘*email account*’ and ‘*password*’
4. Check your ‘*email*’ and select the ‘*link*’ provided to activate your 2010 USA National Games email account
5. Read the ‘*Application Process Steps*’ and then select ‘*2010 USA National Games Volunteer Application*’
6. Select Nebraska FBLA as your ‘*Group Affiliation*’ while completing the volunteer application
7. Complete the volunteer application and submit
8. Please wait until you receive a confirmation ‘*NEXT STEPS email*’ before completing the General Orientation & Protective Behaviors Test

**FBLA-PBL Week Proclamation** – Governor Dave Heineman signed a proclamation recognizing February 7-13 as Nebraska FBLA-PBL Week. FBLA and PBL state officers present were Ashley Wood, President; Lance Johnson, Vice President; Tyler Wellman, Secretary; Noah Carpenter, Treasurer and Megan Boice, PBL Vice President of Communications. Plan now for your FBLA Week activities!

**Commissioner's Recognition** – The Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education was held Monday, November 23, at 3 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. Nebraska FBLA recognized 21 students who placed in the Top 3 at the National Leadership Conference.

**NLC—Country Style!** – Line dancing, the Grand Ole Opry, and the Hard Rock Café are just a few of the fun activities in store for Nebraska members attending the 2010 National Leadership Conference! The Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors under the leadership of Dennis Krejci will coordinate travel to the conference. The Nebraska FBLA delegation will travel by air to Nashville leaving July 13 and returning July 18. Highlights include a dinner cruise on the General Jackson July 13 and a tour of Nashville landmarks followed by lunch at the Hard Rock Café on July 14. A special mid-conference evening activity at Dave and Busters will provide a chance for Nebraska delegates to get better acquainted. Competition begins at 2 p.m. on July 14.

NLC conference registration will be made through the national association. Travel, lodging and tour reservations will be made through the National Travel Systems website. You will find complete registration procedures on the Nebraska FBLA website after March 1.

**Des Moines Hosts 2010 NFLC** – Mark your calendars for November 6-7 for the 2010 National Fall Leadership Conference. The Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors will coordinate bus travel to Des Moines, Iowa. More details will be available on the Nebraska website next fall.

**February 1 Pledge Deadline** – All articles for the March *Pledge* should be submitted by February 1 to Isaac Thompson, State Reporter, at [reporter@nebraskafbla.org](mailto:reporter@nebraskafbla.org). Please submit electronic pictures directly to Bev Newton at [bev.newton@nebraska.gov](mailto:bev.newton@nebraska.gov) and send them in a .jpg or similar format. Pictures embedded in Word documents are not usable for the Pledge.

**Path to Success Conference** – Sarah Watson, Path to Success conference coordinator, has invited your chapters to attend the UNL Phi Beta Lambda Path to Success Conference on February 1. We hope many of your chapters are able to participate in this leadership development opportunity.

### **Foundation News**

**Foundation Awards \$\$** – The Nebraska FBLA Foundation Board of Directors will award \$50 stipends to National Leadership Conference qualifiers based on the interest earned on the investment.

**Friends of the Foundation Award** – The Nebraska Foundation Marketing Committee will recognize chapters for their efforts in support of the Foundation with the Friends of the Foundation award! Chapters completing the categories identified on the Friends of the Foundation form will receive glow items to wear at the SLC Second General Session. You can find the form on the Nebraska FBLA website under the Foundation link: <http://www.nebraskafbla.org/foundation.htm>.

**More Foundation Recognition** – The three chapters raising the most funds for the Foundation will be recognized at the SLC Second General Session. The contribution form can be found on the Nebraska FBLA website by selecting the Foundation link. Checks should be made payable to Nebraska FBLA Foundation Trust and mailed with the form to: Nebraska FBLA Foundation, PO Box 183, Syracuse, NE 68446. Don't miss out on being a part of this important project!

### **State Projects Update**

**State Officer Visits** – The state officers are available to visit chapters. Please contact a state officer for a chapter visit using the email addresses listed on the Nebraska FBLA website.

**March of Dimes Fundraising** – Fundraising efforts for the March of Dimes continue with many unique projects, and we need your help. Each chapter needs to raise \$125 to meet the state goal of \$17,000. With your help, we can do it! Please follow the directions on page 6-25 of the *Nebraska FBLA Handbook* when submitting your chapter’s contribution.

**Mission Triangle Excellence Award** – The March of Dimes Nebraska Chapter will present the Mission Triangle Excellence award at one of the SLC general sessions. The application form is due March 1 and can be found in Section 6 of the *Nebraska FBLA Handbook* or on the Nebraska website under State Projects.

**Tally It Up!** – Isaac Thompson, State Reporter, reminds you to submit your chapter’s community service hours for the Tally It Up project. Record the total hours of service your chapter members have donated and report them to Isaac by March 10. You can find the form on the website under State Projects or at the following link <http://www.nebraskafbla.org/pdf/tallyitup.pdf>.

### **National Items**

**BAA Awards March 1 Deadline** – The deadline for the Business Achievement Awards is March 1. Information and online applications are found on the national website under the FBLA section by selecting FBLA Business Achievement Awards. Awards for the Leaders level will be presented at the SLC Awards Program.

**Outstanding Chapter Award April 1 Deadline** – This award recognizes a chapter’s participation in a variety of projects and activities by completing a minimum of 15 activities from those activities listed on the entry form. Check out the details in the national *Chapter Management Handbook*, Recognition Section, pages 11-13. Entries are due April 1!

**WeSeed FBLA Chapter Challenge** – WeSeed.com provides a fun, free, safe way for students to learn about the stock market. Go to the home page of the national web site and click on the WeSeed Chapter Challenge logo to learn about this program. Advisers, through development of an innovative, creative lesson plan for teaching this program and describing recruiting efforts to involve students, you can enter to win one of the following amazing prizes:

**Grand Prize** – 1 awarded

- \$5,000 for the chapter
- Laptop computer for the adviser
- All expenses paid trip to the Chicago Board of Trade for the adviser and chapter president

**First Prize** – 2 awarded

- \$1,000 for the chapter
- Laptop computer for the adviser

**Honorable Mention** – 10 awarded

- \$100 for the chapter

**Tomorrow’s Business Leader (TBL)** – Please share your chapter’s great ideas with the national association! The next deadline for submitting items to the TBL is February 23.