

## Student FAQ's

### [Do members have to qualify through competition to attend the District, State or International Career Development Conferences?](#)

Members do not have to qualify to attend their District Competition; however, they must meet their chapter's requirements to attend. Students must meet their DECA District's competition requirement(s) to advance to OCDC. They must meet Ohio DECA's requirements for state competition (no competition for Virtual Business or Stock Market game, but there is recognition of winners) at the Ohio Career Development Conference (OCDC) in order to compete at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC). Students may also attend ICDC through participation in other events and activities including voting delegate positions, leadership academy, virtual business competitions and stock market game. Please refer to the [deca.org](http://deca.org) website for additional information about ICDC.

### [How many competitive events can a student compete in at the District Career Development Conferences and the State Career Development Conference?](#)

Students may compete in only one competitive event at districts, state, and ICDC. If a student places at district competition and qualifies in a career event (those competitions that require the students to do a role play or a case study) and is also writing a manual for state competition, they must choose one or the other event to participate in at state.

□ Note - For District and OCDC competitions, the Virtual Business Challenges and Stock Market Game do not count toward the one event at districts and state competitions. These projects take place outside of conferences unless students advance to ICDC to compete in these events.

### [Which events are offered at the conferences?](#)

The Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) offers competition to select the Parliamentarian and Public Relations Representative state officers. Students can also run for one of five additional

state officer positions (must go through screening to run), and we offer at least six leadership workshops. Students can choose three of the six workshops.

The Ohio Career Development Conference (CDC) offers 48 competitive events. (Students must have finished in their district's allotment to move on to state competition. Students must finish in the Ohio CDC allotment to move on to ICDC competition. At this time, Ohio takes the top four finishers in each event.

### [How can I start a DECA chapter at my school?](#)

If you are in a comprehensive high school start by talking to your principal. Ask who is in charge of Career Tech for the district. If they are interested, they can contact the Career Tech office at the Ohio Department of Education and ask for any of the Program Specialists in the Business, Finance, and Marketing areas. It typically takes about one year to complete a CTE-26 application and be approved to start a program.