

2025–2026 Competitive Events Guidelines

Community Service Presentation



Community Service Presentation allows chapter members to showcase a service project that benefits their school or community. The project must be designed for active chapter participation and serve a clear community need. Members present their project's goals, execution, and impact to a panel of judges.

Event Overview

Division	Middle School
Event Type	Team of 1, 2 or 3 members
Event Category	Chapter
Event Elements	Presentation

Educational Alignments

Career Cluster Framework Connection	Healthcare & Human Services
NACE Competency Alignment	Career & Self-Development, Communication, Critical Thinking, Leadership, Professionalism, Teamwork, Technology

State

Check with your State Leader for state-specific competition information and deadlines.

National

Required Competition Items

<u>Items Competitor Must Provide</u>	<u>Items FBLA Provides</u>
- Technology and presentation items - Conference-provided nametag - Attire that meets the FBLA Dress Code	Table

Important FBLA Documents

- Competitors should be familiar with the Competitive Events [Policy & Procedures Manual](#), [Honor Code](#), [Code of Conduct](#), and [Dress Code](#).

Eligibility Requirements

To participate in FBLA competitive events at the National Leadership Conference (NLC), the following criteria must be met:

- Membership Deadline:** FBLA national membership dues must be paid to the specific division by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 1 of the current school year.
- Conference Registration:** Members must be officially registered for the NLC and must pay the national conference registration fee to participate.
- Official Hotel Requirement:** To be eligible to compete, competitors must stay within the official FBLA housing block.
- State Entry Limits:** Each state may submit up to four entries per event.
- Event Participation Limits:** Each member may participate in:

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- One individual or team event, and
 - One chapter event (e.g., *Annual Chapter Activities Presentation* or *Community Service Presentation*).
- **Participation Requirement:** To be eligible for an award, each competitor must complete all components of the event at the National Leadership Conference.
- **Team Composition:** All members of a team must be from the same local chapter.
- **Late Arrivals:** Competitors will be allowed to compete until such time that the results are finalized, or participation would impact the fairness and integrity of the event, as determined by Competitive Events staff. If judges have left the competitive event area, it is no longer possible to compete. Five penalty points will be assessed for late arrivals in any competitive event.
- **Event Schedule Notes:**
 - Some events may begin before the Opening Session.
 - All schedules are posted in local time for the NLC host city.
 - Schedule changes are not permitted.

Event Administration

This event consists of two phases: a preliminary presentation and a final presentation.

Preliminary Presentation Details

Timing Structure

- **Equipment Set-Up:** 3 minutes
- **Presentation:** 7 minutes (a one-minute warning will be provided)
- **Question & Answer (Q&A):** 3 minutes
- **Important:** Time allocations are exclusive. The presentation must begin immediately after the 3-minute set-up time concludes. Time may not be shifted between segments. Competitors will not interact with judges during the set-up period.

Venue & Format

- Presentations occur in-person at the National Leadership Conference (NLC).
- Competitors/teams are randomly assigned to presentation sections.
- Presentations will take place in a large, open area with a designated space of approximately 10' x 10', which includes a table and chairs for the judges.
- Presentations are closed to all audience and attendee observation.

Technology Guidelines

- **Internet Access:** Not provided
- Presentations must be delivered using one or two personal devices (laptop, tablet, mobile phone, or monitor approximately laptop-sized).
- If using two devices, one must face the judges and the other must face the presenters.
- Projectors and projector screens are not permitted, and competitors may not bring their own.
- Wireless slide advancers (e.g., presentation clickers or mice) are allowed.
- External speakers are not allowed; audio must come directly from the presenting device(s).
- Electricity will not be available.

Non-Technology Items

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- Visual aids, samples, notes, and other physical materials related to the project may be used.
- Items may be placed on the provided table or on the judges table, if space allows.
- No items may be left with the judges following the presentation.

Restricted Items

- Animals, except for authorized service animals.
- Food, which may be used for display only and may not be consumed by judges.
- Links and QR codes, which may be shown but may not be scanned or clicked by judges at any time.

Research

- Information must be supported by credible, well-documented sources.
- Any use of copyrighted material, images, logos, or trademarks must be properly documented.

Team Expectations

- In team presentations, all members must actively participate in the delivery of the presentation.

Event Specific Information

- **Project Development & Implementation:** Explain how your project was created, including the planning process, goals, and strategies your chapter used to carry it out.
- **Research on Community or School Needs:** Describe how you identified the need for your project. Share any research or data you gathered to better understand the issue your project aimed to address.
- **Chapter Member Involvement:** Highlight how chapter members participated in planning and executing the project. Be sure to show that involvement was meaningful and appropriate for the project's scope.
- **Community Impact:** Discuss the results of your project and how it made a difference. Describe the impact it had on individuals, groups, or the community as a whole.
- **Publicity & Promotion:** Provide examples of how you promoted your project to the school, community, or media. Include any flyers, social media, news coverage, or other publicity your project received.
- **Project Reflection & Evaluation:** Share your honest evaluation of the project's success. What worked well? What would you do differently next time? How did this experience help your chapter grow?

Final Presentation Details

The presentation guidelines outlined above will apply to the final presentation.

Advancement to Finals

- The top-scoring competitors or teams from each preliminary section will advance to the final round in equal numbers.
- The number of competitors or teams advancing to the final round depends on the number of preliminary sections:
 - 2 sections: Top 6 from each section advance
 - 3 sections: Top 4 from each section advance
 - 4 sections: Top 3 from each section advance
 - 5 sections: Top 3 from each section advance
 - More than 5 sections: Top 2 from each section advance

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Scoring

- Preliminary round scores are used to determine which competitors or teams advance to the final round from each section.
- Final round scores determine the final rankings and top award winners.
- Judges are responsible for breaking all ties in both preliminary and final rounds.
- All judging decisions are final. Results announced at the National Leadership Conference are considered official and will not be changed after the conclusion of the National Leadership Conference.

Penalty Points

- Competitors may be disqualified if they violate the Code of Conduct or the Honor Code.
- Five points are deducted if competitors do not follow the Dress Code or are late to their assigned presentation time.

Recognition

- A maximum of 10 entries (individuals or teams) may be recognized per event.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- FBLA complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by providing reasonable accommodations for competitors. Accommodation requests must be submitted through the conference registration system by the official registration deadline. All requests will be reviewed, and additional documentation may be required to determine eligibility and appropriate support.

Recording of Presentations

- Unauthorized audio or video recording is strictly prohibited in all competitive events.
- FBLA reserves the right to record presentations for educational, training, or archival purposes. Competitors should be aware that their presentations may be recorded by FBLA-authorized personnel.

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Community Service Presentation Rating Sheet

Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Content					
Describes project development and strategies used to implement project	No evidence of project development or strategies presented	Project development is explained briefly; very limited strategies are utilized	Project development is clearly outlined. More than one strategy is outlined.	Project development is clearly outlined. Strategies are chronological and clearly explained.	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Describes research into school or community needs	No evidence of school and/or community research	Research was completed but not clearly outlined	Research clearly completed and clearly outlined	Research was planned, executed, and evaluated	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Appropriate level of chapter member involvement in project	Chapter involvement is not explained	Participation was limited to 25% of chapter members	The project was clearly a chapter project and participated in by 50% of chapter members	Over 75% or more of chapter members participated and clear evidence is provided of the impact	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Degree of impact on the community and its citizens	School and/or community impact is not addressed	Project was completed and served a purpose	Project created tangible results that benefitted the school and/or community	Project impacted the school and/or community to a level that something has dynamically changed, and the project should continue	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Evidence of publicity received	No evidence of publicity received	Information about publicity was written in the report but no evidence of publicity is available	Project was recognized within the school and/or community	Project was recognized in more than one way by the school and/or community	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Evaluation of project effectiveness	No evidence of project evaluation is provided	Project was evaluated	Project was evaluated and the evaluation was assessed	Project was evaluated and the team has created recommendations for change should the project be repeated	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Presentation Delivery					
Statements are well-organized and clearly stated	Competitor(s) did not appear prepared	Competitor(s) were prepared, but flow was not logical	Presentation flowed in logical sequence	Presentation flowed in a logical sequence; statements were well organized	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Consistently displays confidence, poised body language, engaging eye contact, and effective voice projection.	Did not demonstrate any of the listed skills	Demonstrated 1-2 of the listed skills (confidence, body language, eye contact, or voice projection)	Demonstrated 3 of the listed skills (confidence, body language, eye contact, or voice projection)	Demonstrated all skills, enhancing the overall presentation	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Demonstrates the ability to effectively answer questions	Does not respond to questions or responses are completely off-topic.	Provides incomplete or unclear answers that show limited understanding.	Responds accurately and clearly to most questions, showing adequate understanding.	Responds confidently with clear, accurate, and thoughtful answers that enhance the overall presentation.	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	

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Presentation Protocols			
Adherence to Competitive Events Guidelines	Competitor(s) Did Not Follow Guidelines	Execution Aligned with Guidelines: (All criteria must be met) ✓ Used only allowable technology devices (sizing specs followed; maximum of two, with only one facing judges at a time) ✓ Maintained professional boundaries during set-up time (no interaction with judges) ✓ Did not leave materials behind after the presentation ✓ Links or QR codes were displayed appropriately (not clicked or scanned by judges) ✓ Audio was presented without external speakers ✓ Avoided use of food or live animals	
		0 points	10 points
Staff Only: Penalty Points (5 points for dress code penalty and/or 5 points for late arrival penalty)			
Presentation Total (110 points)			
Name(s):			
School:		Section:	
Judge Signature:		Date:	
Comments:			