



# CALIFORNIA FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

## FACT SHEET

WHO ARE WE?	California FBLA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization committed to preparing today's students for success in business leadership and is an important partner in the success of school-to-work programs, business education curriculums, and student leadership development. California FBLA is an affiliate of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. The FBLA concept has been recognized by the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor as an integral part of a co-curricular approach to business and leadership education.
OUR MISSION	The FBLA Mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. We achieve this mission through the application of programs designed around the themes of Service, Education, and Progress.
OUR GOALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Promote competent, aggressive business leadership</li><li>•Strengthen confidence of students in themselves and their work</li><li>•Create interest in and understanding of American business enterprise</li><li>•Encourage development of individual projects to improve home, business, and community</li><li>•Facilitate the transition from school to work</li><li>•Assist students in the establishment of occupational goals</li><li>•Encourage scholarship and promote school loyalty</li><li>•Encourage and practice sound financial management</li><li>•Develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism</li></ul>
OUR MEMBERSHIP	California: 7,000 members in 200 active chapters National: 250,000 members in 6,500 active chapters
OUR CONFERENCES	September/October: Officers'/Advisers' Training Day October/November: Leadership Development Institute—North and South November: National Fall Leadership Conferences February/March: Section Leadership Conferences April: State Leadership Conference June/July: National Leadership Conference / Institute for Leaders
OUR STRUCTURE	The state is organized in six sections with each section led by a volunteer director and a team of student section officers. Statewide leadership is provided by a volunteer board of directors, a full-time Program Coordinator, and a team of ten student officers.
OUR HISTORY	The FBLA concept was developed in 1937 and the first high school chapter was organized in 1942 in Tennessee. California's first chapter was organized in 1948.
OUR PUBLICATIONS	State newsletter, <i>The Californian</i> ; section and chapter newsletters; <a href="http://www.cafbla.org">www.cafbla.org</a> ; conference brochures; chapter handbook
OUR AWARDS PROGRAM	FBLA members have the opportunity to participate in a variety of competitive events, ranging from accounting and business law, technology concepts and network design, to impromptu speaking, job interview, and business plan. Additionally, members may gain recognition through participation in an individual achievement program. FBLA competition and achievement programs allow students to validate their classroom learning, demonstrate competency proficiencies, and develop career and leadership skills.
OUR FUNDING	California is funded primarily by student dues, conference registration fees, and corporate sponsorships. Funding support is also received from the California Department of Education. Local chapters may raise needed funds by assessing chapter dues, conducting fundraisers, and soliciting community and business contributions.

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