



Missouri Collegiate DECA Bylaws
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PS--Bylaw 1--Name

Section 1. The official name of this Division shall be Missouri Collegiate DECA.

PS--Bylaw II--Membership

Section 1. Missouri Collegiate DECA recognizes individual membership only through chartered chapters, independent chapters or independent membership. This organization shall consist of all post-secondary chapters located in the State of Missouri. Each chapter shall consist of individual members.

Section 2. Individual members shall be recognized as active members or honorary life members.

Section 3. Active members shall be students that are enrolled in a college or university on either a full-time or part-time basis during the academic year. Active members must pay dues established by Missouri Collegiate DECA. Following payment of dues, active members meeting eligibility criteria will be able to hold state office, participate in the State Career Development Conference competitive events and other projects, serve as a state voting delegate, or to otherwise represent their local chapter in Missouri Collegiate DECA as may be approved by their organization.

Section 4. Honorary Life members may be individuals who have made or are making contributions to the fields of marketing or management and to DECA, as may be approved by the Board of Directors of DECA Inc., and shall be exempt from annual dues.

Section 5. Annual membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00), of which ten dollars (\$10.00) shall go to the state organization and ten dollars (\$10.00) shall go to the national organization. The membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31 inclusive.

PS--Bylaw III--Voting Delegates

Section 1. Missouri Collegiate DECA will exercise its membership voting privileges through Voting Delegates. Each local chapter shall have five (5) base votes per Charter Chapter (which requires a minimum of ten members by the Initial Membership Deadline of November 15th), plus one additional vote for every ten members beyond the base Chapter Charter requirements. The basis for the number of voting delegates for chartered chapters shall be determined by the number of members identified on the roster received by the state office for the second semester deadline.

Section 2. Voting delegates will be entitled to individual vote.

PS--Bylaw IV--State Officers

Section 1. The state officers shall consist of a President, Vice President(s) and a State Representative from each chapter. Should the need for an additional State Representative arise, the State Advisor shall have the authority to make Executive Appointments.

Section 2. Each local chapter will be responsible for selecting one individual who shall serve as a State Representative to the Board of Directors. When a local chapter has the President or



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Vice President serving on the Board of Directors, the local chapter is entitled to select an individual to serve as a State Representative. Each State Representative shall have full voting rights on the Board of Directors. Chapter Advisors must submit the name of the State Representative to the state office by November 15th of the current academic year. If a chapter fails to identify a State Representative by the November 15th deadline, the chapter forfeits their representation on the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Election of the President and Vice President(s) shall take place at the State Career Development Conference. The individual receiving the most votes will become the President. The next two individuals receiving the highest number of votes that have stated willingness to serve as vice president shall be elected as vice presidents.

Section 4. Members wishing to run for President of the State Board of Directors must be approved by their respective chapter with a majority vote of their total membership. Only one candidate from each chapter may run for office. Potential candidates shall also follow and abide by all guidelines established by the Board of Directors and/or established by the Missouri Collegiate State Advisor in order to be considered a candidate.

Section 5. Members wishing to run for a National Office of Collegiate DECA representing the State of Missouri must be approved by a majority vote of the membership as designated by Bylaw III - Voting Delegates. This process shall occur during the State Career Development Conference. Potential candidates shall also follow and abide by all guidelines established by the Board of Directors and/or established by the State Advisor in order to be considered a candidate.

Section 6. Nomination for President or approval of a National Officer Candidate will not be accepted from the floor at the State Career Development Conference.

Section 7. If no candidate was elected as Vice President at the State Career Development Conference, the Missouri Collegiate State Advisor shall have the authority to appoint a Vice President from the pool of active State Representatives. This appointment must be approved by a 2/3rds majority of the State Board of Directors. The Missouri Collegiate State Advisor may also appoint additional Vice Presidents as deemed necessary for the effective functioning of Missouri Collegiate DECA, subject to the same approval process.

Section 8. If no candidate is available to run for the position of President at the State Career Development Conference, the Missouri Collegiate State Advisor, in consultation with the State Board of Directors, may appoint a President from the pool of active State Representatives. This appointment must be approved by a 2/3rds majority of the State Board of Directors.

PS--Bylaw V-- Duties of State Officers

Section 1. PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the president of Missouri Collegiate DECA to preside at all meetings of this division; to make all necessary committee appointments including the designation of committee chairperson; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of DECA.



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Section 2. VICE PRESIDENT(S): It shall be the duty of the vice president(s) to serve this division in any capacity as directed by the president; to promote the growth and development of DECA in accordance with the Program of Work during their term of office; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of DECA.

PS-Bylaw VI – State Board of Directors

Section 1. The State Board of Directors shall consist of the Missouri Collegiate State Advisor, State President, State Vice President(s), and State Representatives.

PS--Bylaw VII--Amendments

Section 1. To amend these Bylaws, the proposed Amendment must be presented in writing by the member(s) proposing the Amendment to all authorized voting delegates on the State Board of Directors. Debate and voting on an Amendment shall occur at the meeting following the proposal. If approved by a two-thirds majority of the voting delegates, the Amendment will take effect immediately.