**RECOGNITION STATE LEVEL**

Iowa FBLA believes that it is important to recognize individuals and groups who make significant contributions or who excel in the programs offered by the association. The following awards are presented at the State Leadership Conference. A preview of the forms is listed at the end of this communication. They are also posted the Iowa FBLA Web site.

**Adviser of the Year**

Without the support of our advisers it would be impossible for an organization like FBLA to exist, let alone impact the hundreds and thousands of students we touch year in and year out. Advisers provide guidance and support--most often behind the scenes without fanfare or acknowledgement. This recognition provides local chapters the opportunity to recognize advisers who give of their time to create active chapters. The State Officers have created an application process where students write nomination letters indicating why their adviser should be nominated for the Adviser of the Year. The winner is announced at both the State Leadership Conference and the National Leadership Conference. Application is online.

**Lloyd V. Douglas Chapter of the Year Award**

The Lloyd V. Douglas Chapter of the Year Award is presented to the chapter who accumulates the most points from events at the State Leadership Conference and who has completed the required criteria for Iowa Merit Award. Any chapter that would like to be recognized for the Lloyd V. Douglas Chapter of the Year Award must complete all criteria for the Iowa Merit Award in order to be eligible.

**Iowa Merit Award**

Outstanding local chapters are recognized with the Iowa Merit Award.

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| **Required Criteria**: | |
| 1. | Submit/Update the Chapter Information Form ***by October 15.*** |
| 2. | Submit Chapter Activities Outline Form |
| 3. | Send representatives to a minimum of two (2) of the following conferences from the current school year:  State Fall Leadership  National Fall Leadership  State Leadership (spring)  National Leadership Conference (from previous summer) |
| 4. | Conduct public relations programs in the school or community. |
| 5. | Conduct a combined total of five (5) or more community service and fund raising projects. |
| 6. | Submit one of the following chapter written reports: American Enterprise Project, Community Service Project, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, or Partnership with Business Project. |
| 7. | Contribute two (2) State Event Sponsorships & Business Contributions |

Good luck to all chapters aspiring for the Lloyd V. Douglas Chapter of the Year Award.

**March of Dimes Greatest Contributor Traveling Trophy**Each year, the chapter who raises the most money for the March of Dimes takes home the March of Dimes Greatest Contributor Traveling Trophy. March of Dimes forms are posted online and are due to the State Adviser by the State Leadership Conference.

**Business Person of the Year**

This event recognizes outstanding Iowa business leaders who have contributed to the success of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda at the local level.

Each active local chapter may enter one person in the Iowa Businessperson of the Year event. The nominees must be members of the business sector. The Nomination form is posted on the website and must be postmarked by February 15.

**Event Sponsorship/Business Contributions**

Local chapters are recognized for their efforts in securing sponsorship of events and business contributions at the State Leadership Conference. Local chapters must submit proper forms and money to the state committee for recognition in this event by March 1.

**Local Recruitment Of Chapters**

This event honors those local chapters that charter or reactivate FBLA chapters. More chapters provide more students the opportunity to become better prepared for careers in business and make possible the continued expansion of national services and activities.

***Preview these and other Iowa* *FBLA Recognition Awards in the Iowa FBLA Handbook.***

**RECOGNITION NATIONAL LEVEL**

Many more National FBLA-PBL Chapter/Member Recognition and Scholarships are listed in the CMH. Here are a few we think every chapter should try!

**Business Achievement Awards**

The Business Achievement Awards (BAA) are an aggressive, self-directed, results-based business and leadership program designed to complement academics while accelerating a student's leadership skills. The awards focus on the words surrounding the FBLA Crest: Service, Education, and Progress. There is a heavy emphasis on education with integrated classroom projects.

The individual recognition is a four-tier program aligned with the FBLA-PBL Goals, NBEA Standards, and Career Clusters. The individual program has a March 1 deadline. The BAA has four distinct award levels-Future, Business, Leader, and America. Check out the BAA page on the Iowa FBLA Web site for more information.

**FBLA Outstanding Chapter Recognition Program**  
Consider starting your year off with these activities on your Program of Work. FBLA chapters must complete twenty (20) activities. Complete and submit these online activities, uploading all required documentation. When all documentation is complete and the activities are completed, submit the project online. All projects must be submitted by April 1 to be recognized at the National Leadership Conference.

**FBLA Eco Chapter Project**With the gas prices rising, concerns of global warming intensifying, and politicians debating possible forms of alternative energy, our chapters need to get involved with this national concern. Three years ago the FBLA National Officer team unveiled a brand new Go Green national project which sparked the interest from the halls of Capitol Hill to the classrooms of students in our more than 5,300 schools across the country. It is a great way for our members to help preserve the environment while simultaneously discovering the tremendous influence energy and conservation can have on the business world. This project has now been added to our national recognition programs.

Interactive forms for this project are located in the Adviser Area of the Web site.

**100 Percent Class Participation**FBLA-PBL recognizes local FBLA chapters who recruit 100 percent of a single class as chapter members. A copy of the class roster must be submitted along with a copy of your chapter’s membership list. Winning chapters receive a certificate of recognition in the mail. Local chapter advisers are encouraged to present this chapter award to the chapter president at a local FBLA ceremony or at a school awards assembly. The deadline for this award is April 1. This award also meets one of the criteria for the Outstanding Chapter Award.

**Membership Mania Award**This program recognizes FBLA members who extend the benefits of membership to their friends and acquaintances. Members who recruit at least ten (10) new members receive a certificate of recognition and are recognized on the national Web site. The deadline for submitting Membership Mania Forms is April 1. Local chapter advisers are encouraged to present this award to winning members at a local FBLA ceremony, meeting, or event or at a school awards assembly. This award meets one of the criteria for the America Award of the Business Achievement Awards.

**Membership Madness Award**This program recognizes FBLA members who extend the benefits of membership to their friends and acquaintances. Members who recruit at least five (5) new members receive a certificate of recognition and are recognized on the national Web site. The deadline for submitting Membership Madness Forms is April 1. Local chapter advisers are encouraged to present this award to winning members at a local FBLA ceremony, meeting, or event or at a school awards assembly. This award meets one of the required criteria for the Leader Award of the Business Achievement Awards and the Outstanding Chapter Award

**Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit (Hollis and Kitty Guy Award)**The Hollis and Kitty Guy Award recognizes outstanding local chapters that have actively participated in projects and programs identified with the goals of FBLA-PBL.

**Eligibility**Active local chapters must be nominated by the state chair and be on record in the national center as having paid dues by March1 of the current school year.

**Guidelines**

* The state chair or designee must complete the entry form and certify the chapters listed have met their state’s Gold Seal Award of Merit criteria.
* Each state may select two (2) chapters or up to 15 percent of its total number of active local chapters, whichever is greater. (If the percentage results in a fractional number, it is rounded to the next higher number—e.g., 3.2 or 3.6 would be 4.)
* Prior to nomination, each local chapter must submit a copy of the Local Chapter Annual Business Report to the state chair/state adviser.