

NEW JERSEY DECA STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE AGREEMENT

Date: _____

Name: _____ School: _____

Being a DECA State Officer is both an honor and a working commitment. Each year only seven people are elected by the student members to represent them on the state level. The primary role of a DECA State Officer is to be an ambassador for the organization.

1. State officers must represent thousands of New Jersey DECA members, not solely the members of his/her chapter and/or region.
2. The entire organization will be judged by other people's impression of you. Consequently you must always be mindful of the image you project in appearance, in speaking and in manners. State officers must conduct themselves in a mature, business like manner at all times.
3. State officers representing New Jersey DECA are expected to wear DEC blazers at all times. An officer must be neat, honest, intelligent and responsible with a well-developed sense of right and wrong and willingness to maintain the integrity of DECA and their office. They must have the fortitude to carry out all obligations even when alone.
4. State officers must maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative average during their term. Keep in mind that DECA does not take preference over your education.
5. State officers and candidates will abide by all of the policies described in the DECA State Officer Code of Professional Conduct.
6. The example that you set will affect each member's enthusiasm, involvement, and emotions toward DECA through its many members. In reaching for higher goals in self-improvement, so you will instill in those you meet the desire for self-improvement and the attainment of higher goals.
7. State officers and candidates make a commitment of time and energy for sixteen months.
8. State officers must attend all planned activities. Each chapter advisor or (in an emergency) a qualified representative will chaperone his/her student (state officer) to all activities. If a state officer is absent from three or more activities, the State Advisor may replace or dismiss the student from office. This is the decision of the State Advisor. The state officers must attend the following conferences, workshops and meetings:
 - 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 State Officer Transition Meeting
 - 2008-2009 State Officer Installation Banquet
 - Summer Leadership Training/Planning Session
 - NJ Department of Education Generation Next Conference
 - New Jersey DECA Chapter Officer Leadership Workshop (COLT)
 - North Atlantic Regional Conference (NARCON)
 - New Jersey DECA State Conference Planning Session
 - Regional Conferences (as required)
 - State Officer Candidate Screening Sessions
 - NJ DECA State Career Development Conferences (both)
 - 2008 and 2009 DECA International Career Development Conferences (must participate in LEAD or SMI)
 - National Officer Candidate speeches and meet the candidate sessions at ICDC
 - National Officer election session at ICDC
 - (NJ has 13 votes and 14 state officers. The NJ President will designate one officer as an alternate)
 - State Officer monthly meetings
 - President must attend NJ DECA Advisory Committee monthly meetings
 - President must also attend NJ VSO Leadership Council quarterly meetings
9. The School Board of Education must be made aware of the state officer candidate's interest in running for a position, so that the Board is supportive of the student's activities, both financially and in spirit. Signature of the school official (on the following page) is verification of this notification and support.

10. Behavior of state officers is crucial to the success of New Jersey DECA. Behavior which is unbecoming a New Jersey DECA state officer as determined by a committee of the officers or the state advisor will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these principals/behaviors will result in the disqualification of candidates and dismissal of the State Officer by the State Advisor and/or a committee of state officers and chapter advisors based on the New Jersey DECA constitution.

If you are willing to abide by the above statement and believe in the goals of DECA, sign below indicating your agreement to conduct yourself as described above. Please secure the required signatures as indicated below:

Student Signature

Chapter Advisor Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

School Principal or Superintendent Signature