

## **Collegiate DECA Membership Guidelines**

Student members must be enrolled in a college or university on either a full- or part-time basis at some time during the academic year. State associations (or territories, provinces, etc.) may further define their own membership qualifications. In turn, local chapters may set more detailed membership guidelines. Some schools even have multiple chapters to serve different areas of study (ex. fashion chapter, management chapter and marketing chapter).

DECA Inc. (national) membership is \$10 per year (July 1 - June 30).  
States/Provinces/Territories usually charge additional dues to help offset operating costs.

### **Chapter-Level Membership (campus-based)**

Chapters are made up of individual members at a college or university. Membership pins and cards are given to each member (students, advisors, alumni, administrators and businesspersons) upon joining. Most chapters also charge a small amount of dues to help offset chapter operating costs.

### **Virtual Chapter Membership**

Students who do not have a chapter on their campus may join under the virtual membership status. (Available in most states, territories and provinces.)

### **DECA College Connection**

Once high school DECA members have been accepted to their college or university, they have the option of paying DECA Inc. and “state” dues prior to arriving on campus. (Available in most states, territories and provinces.)

### **State, Provincial and Territorial Associations**

Multiple chapters may come together under the umbrella of a Chartered Association of DECA Inc. according to established guidelines.  
(link to current [http://www.deca.org/aboutus\\_organization.html](http://www.deca.org/aboutus_organization.html))

All association allocations are based on the previous year’s membership dues as indicated below. Additional slots may be earned for increasing membership over the previous year.

Competitive Event allocations are based on the year-end membership dues for the previous year. Additional competitor slots in each event are given for every 50 members (51-100, 101-150, etc.).

Management Institute allocations are based on the year-end membership dues for the previous year. Associations receive additional slots in each institute for every 50 members (51-100, 101-150, etc.).

Voting delegates at the annual conference are allocated according to the current bylaws.