



WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

Research and report writing are important elements of modern business activities. Great care must be taken to assure that the highest ethical standards are maintained by those engaging in research and report writing. To reinforce the importance of these standards, all written entries in Collegiate DECA's Competitive Events Program must submit this statement as part of the entry. The statement **must** be signed by the Collegiate DECA member(s).

I understand the following requirements as set forth by DECA Inc. for all Competitive Event entries containing a written component. These requirements are additional to any general rules and regulations published by DECA Inc. By signing this statement, I certify that all are true and accurate as they relate to this entry.

1. The contents of this entry are the results of the work of the team member(s) listed below.
2. No part of this entry has been previously entered in international competition.
3. This entry has not been submitted this year for international competition in any other Collegiate DECA competitive event, nor by any other student/team in this event.
4. Credit for all secondary research has been given to the original author and is stated as such in the written project.
5. All activities or original research procedures described in this entry are accurate depictions of the efforts of the team member(s) listed below.
6. I understand that Collegiate DECA has the right to publish this entry. Should Collegiate DECA elect to publish this entry, I will receive an honorarium from Collegiate DECA. Individuals/Teams with extenuating circumstances may appeal the right to publish the entry to the executive committee of the board of directors prior to submission of the project for competition.
7. I understand that the ideas and information presented in the written project and judge interaction will become public information. Therefore, DECA Inc., its staff, volunteers and organizational partners cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the security of my/our ideas and information.
8. DECA will retain one official copy of all written entries. The second copy may be picked up by the students or the advisor at a designated date, time and location. This information will be announced during the event briefing session. Unclaimed written entries/folios will not be returned to the students after the conference.

This statement of assurances must be signed by all participants and submitted with the entry, or the entry will be given 15 penalty points.

Hole punch and place in front of the written entry. Do not count as a page.

_____	_____	_____
Name of Chapter	Chapter Advisor	Chapter Advisor Email
_____	_____	_____
Participant's Name	Participant's Name	Participant's Name
_____	_____	_____
Participant's Signature	Participant's Signature	Participant's Signature