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JULY



Details & Deadlines:

- [DECA, Inc.](#) Membership Year begins Jul 1.
- [Arkansas ACTE Conference](#) Jul 21-22 @ Saline County Career Technical Center, Benton AR.
- [ABEA Conference](#), Jul 16-17 @ ASMSA, Hot Springs, AR.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 DECA, Inc. Membership Year Begins	2	3	4 
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				ABEA Conference Hot Springs, AR		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Arkansas ACTE Conference Benton, AR				
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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AUGUST



Details & Deadlines:

- Check your physical school mailbox for DECA's "Big Blue Box," which includes up-to-date information for the 26-27 school year. If you do not receive your box by Sept 1, please email me for assistance @ becky.mccormick@ade.arkansas.gov.
- Registration for the AR DECA Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) opens Aug 17. Chapters may bring up to 8 members and 2 advisors, so please identify your key attendees early. Total attendee counts are due Sept 16, while individual names are not due until Oct 14. FLC will be held at ARVA in Little Rock on Wed, Oct 28. Watch your email for full details including the registration count form. The cost is \$35 per attendee.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
How much are DECA Dues? For the 26–27 school year, AR DECA dues are \$7 and DECA, Inc. dues are \$8, for a total of \$15 per member. After you have registered your students in the national database and printed your invoice, advisors will collect these dues and send them directly to DECA, Inc. The national membership system can be accessed here . Local chapter dues are determined by each school or district; please check with your district office for current amounts and available options.						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 DECA, INC. Virtual Advisor Training Day 1	11 DECA, INC. Virtual Advisor Training Day 2	12	13	14	15
16	17 AR DECA FLC Attendee (Count) Form Opens Today	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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SEPTEMBER



Details & Deadlines:

- DECA, Inc. [Virtual Stock Market Game](#) begins on Tues, Sept 8.
- AR DECA Board Meeting is Sept 14 in Little Rock @ DCTE Office.
- AR DECA Fall Leadership Conference registration opened last month, with each chapter allowed up to 8 members and 2 advisors, and total attendee counts due Sept 16 while names are due Oct 14; the conference will be held at ARVA in Little Rock on Oct 28, costs \$35 per attendee, and full details—including the registration count form—will be shared by email.
- DECA, Inc. [Virtual Business Challenge](#) begins on Tues, Sept 29.
- [School Based Enterprise Week](#) is Sept 28 to Oct 2. Market your SBE on your campus and within your community!
- DECA, Inc. [Activate Your Chapter Challenge](#) deadline is Wed, Sept 30.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 <u>LABOR DAY</u> DCTE Office Closed	8 DECA, Inc. Virtual Stock Market Game Begins	9	10	11	12
13	14 AR DECA Board Meeting @ DCTE in LR	15	16 AR DECA FLC Attendee (Count) Due TODAY!	17 AR DECA DLG link sent to FLC participants	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 DECA, Inc. SBE Week Begins Today	29 DECA, Inc. Virtual Business Challenge Registration Opens	30 DECA, Inc. Activate Your Chapter Challenge Deadline	DECA Board Meetings are open to all members and can be joined via Zoom. Board meeting agenda and link will be sent to the advisors' group email about 30 days before each meeting.		

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OCTOBER



Details & Deadlines:

- DECA, Inc. [Virtual Business Challenge Round 1](#) from Oct 13-23.
- AR DECA FLC Name & Registration Closes Oct 14. Links were provided to advisors who previously registered in September.
- DECA, Inc. [Power Trip](#) registration is due on Oct 15.
- AR DECA Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) is Oct 28 @ ARVA (717 W 7th St) in Little Rock.

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11	12	13 DECA, Inc. VBC Round 1 Begins	14 AR DECA FLC DLG Name Registration due today	15 DECA, Inc. Power Trip Registration Due	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 DECA, Inc. VBC Round 1 Ends	24
25	26	27	28 AR DECA FLC in LR @ ARVA 9:30 am to 2 pm	29	30	31

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NOVEMBER



Details & Deadlines:

- [AR DECA SCDC Registration](#) opens on Nov 16.
- [Honorary Life Membership & Outstanding Service Award](#) Application Packets Due Nov 15.
- AR DECA Scholarship Application opens Nov 9. Watch your email and Instagram for details.
- AR DECA Teacher of the Year opens Nov 9. Watch your email for details.
- DECA, Inc. Initial Membership Deadline if Nov 15. But, you can still join after this date!

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8	9 AR DECA Scholarship Application Opens	10 AR DECA Teacher of the Year Application Opens	11  Office Closed	12	13	14
15 DECA, Inc. Honorary Life Membership & Service Due	16 AR DECA SCDC Registration Opens	17	18	19	20 Ultimate Power Trip Louisville, KY	21 Ultimate Power Trip Louisville, KY
22 Ultimate Power Trip Louisville, KY	23	24	25	26  Office Closed	27	28
29	30	November is DECA Month! Remember: Chapter Campaigns are due Dec 1st to receive recognition by DECA, Inc.				

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DECEMBER



Details & Deadlines:

- AR DECA State Officer application opens Dec 1.
- AR DECA State Officer Interest Zoom is Dec 2. Check your email and Instagram for details.
- AR DECA Scholarship Application due Dec 15.
- AR DECA Teacher of the Year due Dec 15.
- AR DECA SCDC Registration closes Dec 17.
- AR DECA SCDC Accommodation forms due Dec 18.

DECA Inc deadlines/info:

- * [DECA Chapter Campaigns & Membership](#) due Dec 1
- * [SBE Certification](#) opens Dec 1
- ** [SEM Conference Registration](#) due Dec 2
- ** [ACTE Career Tech Vision Conference](#) (Advisors Only), Dec 2-5
- *** [Stock Market Game](#) ends, Dec 4

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		*1 AR DECA State Officer Application Opens	**2 AR DECA State Officer Interest Zoom 8:00 pm	3 AR DECA Written Submission Portal Opens	***4 DECA, Inc. Stock Market Game Ends	5
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13	14 s	15 AR DECA Scholarship & Teacher of the Year Applications Due	16	17 AR DECA SCDC Registration Closes	18 AR DECA Accommodatio n Forms Due	19
20	21	22	23	 Office Closed	 Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31	AR SCDC Registration Closes on Dec 18. No Late Registrations	

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JANUARY



Details & Deadlines:

- AR DECA Chapter Campaign Info due for ribbons at SCDC on Jan 8.
- AR DECA Board Meeting @ DCTE in LR. Begins at 10 am and ends by 2 pm. Link available to Zoom. Watch your email!
- AR DECA State Officer Application Due, Jan 12.
- AR DECA Written Submissions due on Jan 13.
- AR DECA Proctor Emails released by 3:00 pm on Jan 14.
- AR DECA Approved State Officer Candidates released on Jan 15.
- AR DECA SCDC Cluster Exams are Jan 19-22 and Jan 25-26.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DECA Inc deadlines/info: DECA, Inc. Scholarship Applications due, Jan 11. DECA, Inc. Virtual Business Challenge Round 2 , Jan 12-22. DECA, Inc. School-Based Enterprise Certifications due, Jan 14. DECA, Inc. Advisor Scholarship Applications due, Jan 20. DECA, Inc. Sports & Entertainment Marketing Conference is Jan 27-31 in Orlando, FL.					1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 AR DECA Chapter Campaign Info for Ribbons @ SCDC Due	9
10	11 AR DECA Board Meeting @ DCTE in LR	12 AR DECA State Officer Application Due	13 AR DECA Written Submission Portal Closes	14 AR DECA Proctor Emails released by 3:00 pm	15 AR DECA State Officer Candidates Released	16
17	18 CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
SCDC Cluster Exams January 19-22, Jan 25-26; 7:00 am to 5:00 pm						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	SCDC Cluster Exams January 19-22, Jan 25-26; 7:00 am to 5:00 pm					

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FEBRUARY



Details & Deadlines

- AR DECA Scholarship Finalists will be notified by email on Feb 1.
- AR DECA SCDC is Feb 8 & 9 at the Hot Springs Convention Center in Hot Springs.
- AR DECA ICDC Registration portal opens on Feb 12.
- AR DECA ICDC Registration portal closes on Feb 26.

*DECA, Inc. Emerging Leader Honor Award Applications Open on Feb 1.

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	*1 AR DECA Scholarship Finalists Notified Today	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 AR DECA SCDC @ Hot Springs Convention Center	9 AR DECA SCDC @ Hot Springs Convention Center	10	11	12 AR DECA ICDC Registration Opens	13
14	15  Office Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 AR DECA ICDC Registration Closes	27
28	As soon as SCDC concludes, be sure to have complete ICDC cost information ready for parents and students. The turnaround to register and submit payment to our office is extremely quick, and no extensions are permitted.					

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MARCH



Details & Deadlines:

- DECA Inc. Advocacy Campaign due Mar 1.
- DECA Inc. Executive Officer Application due Mar 1.
- DECA Inc. The last day to order blazers online for ICDC is Mar 22.
- DECA Inc. ICDC Prepared Events Upload portal opens on Mar23
- DECA Inc. ICDC Prepared Events Upload portal closes on Mar 30
- DECA Inc. Emerging Leader Nominations are due Mar 31.

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21	22 DECA, Inc. Blazers Order Deadline	23 DECA, Inc. ICDC Prepared Events Upload Opens	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 DECA, Inc. ICDC Prepared Events Upload Closes	31 DECA, Inc. Emerging Leader Nominations Due	Spring Break is March 22-26. Don't miss the deadline to upload Prepared Events! The upload window runs from Mar 23-Mar 30!		

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APRIL



Details & Deadlines:

- DECA, Inc. ICDC in Anaheim, CA, April 17-20.
- AR DECA Board Meeting, April 28 in Little Rock @ DCTE.

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The logo for 'NEXT BIG THING' by DECA, with 'NEXT' in green, 'BIG' in white on a blue background, and 'THING' in white on a purple background, with 'DECA' in small white letters at the bottom.				1	2	3
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18 DECA, Inc. ICDC in Anaheim, CA	19 DECA, Inc. ICDC in Anaheim, CA	20 DECA, Inc. ICDC in Anaheim, CA	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 AR DECA Board Meeting @ DCTE in LR	29	30	A decorative graphic for the month of April, featuring the word 'April' in a cursive font surrounded by various colorful flowers and leaves.

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MAY



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JUNE



Details & Deadlines:

- State Officer Leadership Academy (SOLA) @ ATU in Russellville, Jun 1-4.

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		State Officer Leadership Academy (SOLA) Jun 1-4 @ ATU				
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