



MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT AWARD

A prequel to Champion Chapter

The Middle School MERIT Award is a membership engagement-focused challenge that chapters may complete for recognition from the National Center. Added incentives, such as ribbons and plaques at conferences, are available. Build your 2023-24 Program of Work by completing activities. Point totals are included for each activity.

AUGUST 2023

- 1. Elect Chapter Officers. (100)
- 2. Plan a "Welcome Back" event for returning members and prospective members. (100)
- 3. Create a Membership Committee. (50)
- 4. Create a Community Service Committee. (50)
- 5. Hold a "Lunch & Learn" with members to discuss FBLA benefits, projects, and activities. (50)

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1. Plan a chapter meeting. (100)
- 2. Plan a recruitment drive. (100)
- 3. Participate in the fall FBLA LifeSmarts Challenge. (50)
- 4. Participate in the fall Stock Market Game. (50)
- 5. Plan an icebreaker for a chapter meeting. (50)

OCTOBER 2023

- 1. Have at least two members sign up for a competitive event at the district/regional or state level. (100)
- 2. Submit dues for at least five members. (100)
- 3. Plan a community service project. (50)
- 4. Plan a Member Appreciation Day. (50)
- 5. Help your adviser with a task or project. (50)

NOVEMBER 2023

- 1. Have at least one member attend the National Fall Leadership Conference in Providence, RI or Dallas, TX. (100)
- 2. Plan an activity to promote American Enterprise Day. (100)
- 3. Tour a business. (50)
- 4. Invite a business leader to speak at one of your meetings. (50)
- 5. Sponsor a Spirit Day where all members wear blue and gold. (50)

DECEMBER 2023

- 1. Complete the Chapter Checklist. (100)
- 2. Plan a community service activity. (100)
- 3. Invite your principal to attend a local chapter meeting or event. (100)
- 4. Sponsor a Member Appreciation Breakfast. (50)
- 5. Plan a joint activity with another FBLA chapter in your area. (50)
- 6. Host a competitive events study night. (50)

JANUARY 2024

- 1. Host a "bring-a-friend" meeting. (100)
- 2. Have at least two members register for one of the levels of the LEAD awards. (100)
- 3. Participate in the spring FBLA LifeSmarts Challenge. (50)
- 4. Participate in the spring Stock Market Game. (50)
- 5. Discuss an article from *Tomorrow's Business Leader* at a chapter meeting. (50)
- 6. Plan a fundraiser. (50)

FEBRUARY 2024

- 1. Plan activities to promote FBLA Week. (100)
- 2. Participate in at least one of the panels or forums presented by the National Center during FBLA Week. (100)
- 3. Ask an elected official to sign a proclamation for FBLA Week. (50)
- 4. Submit a photo and caption to *Tomorrow's Business Leader*. (50)
- 5. Host a "Dress for Success" day for members to dress in professional business attire. (50)

MARCH 2024

- 1. Meet or beat your membership numbers from the previous program year. (100)
- 2. Attend a State Leadership Conference. (100)
- 3. Host a themed movie night for members. (50)
- 4. Plan a literacy project (e.g., a tutoring or reading program for elementary school students or a book drive). (50)
- 5. Host a trivia or game night for members. (50)

APRIL 2024

- 1. Have at least two members shadow an FBLA High School member for the day. (100)
- 2. Have your Chapter Officers make a presentation about FBLA Middle School to a service club, class of incoming middle school students, or school administration. (100)
- 3. Have your chapter members perform at least 10 hours of combined community service. (50)
- 4. Develop a video or paper scrapbook of your chapter activities. (50)
- 5. Have at least one member apply for a National Leadership Conference (NLC) Scholarship. (50)

MAY 2024

- 1. Submit a project for the Lead4Change Challenge. (100)
- 2. Sponsor an end-of-the-year celebration. (100)
- 3. Have at least one member register for the 2024 NLC in Orlando, Florida. (100)
- 4. Participate in a community service project or volunteer for a nonprofit, such as an animal shelter, homeless shelter, or food bank. (50)
- 5. Have your Chapter Officers write letters to government officials about the benefits of career and technical student organizations and FBLA Middle School. (50)

POINTS

DUE: May 15

**MERIT Achievement Award
1,500 Points**

- Digital Certificate

**MERIT Excellence Award
2,500 Points**

- Certificate at NLC
- Ribbons at NLC

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 29–July 2

Orlando, Florida

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