

# MICHIGAN DECA International Conference Academies

*Due February 1, 2018*

Students for the ELEVATE and ASPIRE academies at the International Conference are selected by an application process. Applications can be obtained on the Michigan DECA website at [www.mideca.org](http://www.mideca.org). **All completed applications are due to Michigan DECA by February 1, 2018. Applications may NOT be faxed.**

The students selected for the ELEVATE and ASPIRE Academies will be announced at the State Conference during Saturday's General Session.

*(formerly the Chapter Management Academy)*



Be the ultimate DECA chapter leader! Discover your personal leadership style and how you can use that to take your chapter to the next level. Now is your time to ELEVATE your DECA status from member to chapter leader. The ELEVATE academy is also ideal for students that will be chairing the chapter's entry next year in the Chapter Awards Program.

***Member participation is based on an application.***

The ELEVATE Academy is only open to sophomores and juniors. Chapters may submit applications for up to two (2) students to attend this academy.

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*(formerly the Senior Management Institute)*



Be the ultimate DECA graduate! As soon as you graduate, the sky is the limit for your aspirations. Do you know what to expect in college or how to be successful in your career? Learn how to leverage your DECA experience to your advantage in college, interviews and internships. ASPIRE to get on the fast track to college and career success.

***Member participation is based on an application.***

The ASPIRE Academy is open to seniors only. Chapters may submit applications for up to two (2) students to attend this academy. Spaces for the ASPIRE Academy will first be allocated to applicants with a score above eighty from chapters that have received a membership award.

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## Other academies available:

*(formerly the Leadership Development Academy)*



Be the ultimate DECA member! IGNITE your spark for DECA! As an emerging leader, you have great potential to take advantage of all that DECA offers. Now's your time to gain an edge as you learn how you can take your personal DECA experience to the next level and IGNITE your passion for DECA.

***Member participation is based on chapter status.***

Each advisor that has never attended the International Conference may bring up to two (2) non-seniors to the IGNITE Academy. Students do not have to apply for the academy in order to represent their chapter.



Be the ultimate DECA Chapter! Now it's time to THRIVE with other high performing chapters and continue to develop your toolbox of collaboration, communications, critical thinking and creativity skills.

***Member participation is based on chapter status.***

Chapters that earn recognition in at least two (2) of DECA's chapter campaigns or DECA's membership campaigns can send up to three (3) students to the THRIVE Academy. Students do not have to apply for the academy in order to represent their chapter.

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**Students selected to represent Michigan in any Academy must attend the entire opening and closing sessions at the International Career Development Conference.**

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**Evaluation Criteria for the ELEVATE and ASPIRE Academies**

Because Michigan DECA is allotted a limited number of participants in each academy, this application procedure has been developed to select the attendees that will represent Michigan at the International Conference for the ELEVATE and ASPIRE academies:

- The ELEVATE Academy is only open to sophomores and juniors. Chapters may submit applications for up to two (2) students to attend this academy.
- The ASPIRE Academy is open to seniors only. Chapters may submit applications for up to two (2) students to attend this academy. Spaces for the ASPIRE Academy will first be allocated to applicants with a score above eighty from chapters that have received a membership award.

**Completed application packets are due to Michigan DECA before February 1, 2018.**

Spaces for the ELEVATE and ASPIRE Academies are awarded in the following order:

1. Application packet is complete (*fully completed application, required signatures and confidential endorsements*).
2. Total points awarded.
3. Arrival date of packet to the Michigan DECA office.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>
Honors and Awards	10
Local DECA Offices and/or Activities	20
Other Offices and/or Activities	10
DECA Membership Recruitment Activities	10
Student Benefit Essay	10
Chapter Benefit Essay	10
Confidential Endorsements	10 each <i>(30 total)</i>
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**The three (3) sealed confidential endorsements must accompany the application, and be mailed to the Michigan DECA office in one envelope.**

**Applications may NOT be faxed or emailed.**

**Mail completed application packets to:**

Michigan DECA  
 Eastern Michigan University  
 208 King Hall  
 Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**Due February 1, 2018**

 MICHIGAN **DECA** International Conference Academies  
***Application Form***

This application must be typed. Deadline: February 1, 2018.

**You must adhere to the guidelines on the previous page for the qualification of students to each the academies.**

Choose an Academy to apply to:

- ELEVATE Academy** (formerly Chapter Management Academy) (Sophomores & Juniors) 2 students can apply per chapter
- ASPIRE Academy** (formerly Senior Management Institute) (Seniors only) 2 students can apply per chapter

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of chapter members last year: \_\_\_\_\_ this year: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Educational Plans:

Describe activities that you have participated in or coordinated, in order to increase DECA membership in your chapter this year:

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors and Awards:**

Name of Organization	Year	Purpose	Honor/Award
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Local DECA Offices Held and/or Activities:**

Office/Activity	Year	Responsibilities/Accomplishments
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Other Organizations: (Membership In and/or Office Held)**

Name of Organization	Year	Purpose	Responsibility/Office Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I feel that I will benefit from participating in the academy because:

I feel that my chapter will benefit from my participation in the academy because:

The Confidential Endorsements must be sent in sealed envelopes accompanying this application. Please plan ahead so all materials arrive together and prior to the deadline.

The three individuals completing my Confidential Endorsements are:

Name	Title
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Both the Applicant's Signature and the DECA Advisor's Signature must be below for us to accept and consider the application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor's Signature

Please send the completed application to:

Michigan DECA  
Eastern Michigan University  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

***Faxed or Emailed copies cannot be accepted.***



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## Confidential Endorsement

A Confidential Endorsement must be completed by three individuals over the age of 21, such as teachers, employers, clergy, etc.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant listed above has indicated an interest in DECA's Academy at the International Conference. Please give your honest opinion concerning the qualification of the applicant for such a leadership activity.

Check each characteristic:

	Very Good	Good	Fair	No Info	Not Applicable
<b>Dependability</b> - prompt, sincere, consistent, truthful follows directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Leadership</b> - assertive, able to inspire others, resourceful, listens, uses good judgement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Industrious</b> - persistent, good work habits, makes good use of time, hard working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mental Alertness</b> - attentive, interested, eager to learn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Initiative</b> - accepts responsibility, able to work without supervision, works at a steady pace, starts work without instruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ability to Get Along With Others</b> - adaptable, friendly, tactful, respectful of others, sense of humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Personal Appearance and Grooming</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Attitude</b> - positive, honest, practices self-discipline, enthusiastic, motivated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Any Additional Remarks:** Use the back of this form if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return in a sealed envelope to applicant before \_\_\_\_\_