



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ACADEMY APPLICATION

DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Students for the ASPIRE, ELEVATE and IGNITE Academies at the International Conference are selected by an application process. Applications can be obtained on the Michigan DECA website at <http://www.mideca.org> All completed applications are due by mail to Michigan DECA by the deadline. Applications may NOT be faxed or emailed.

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



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 or competition.

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.

The top competitors in the Ethics Team Event will qualify for a spot in the ASPIRE Academy.

Chapters may submit applications for up to two (2) non-seniors to attend either the ELEVATE or IGNITE Academies. Michigan DECA will decide which academy best suits the student based on their application.



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 open to **non-seniors only**.



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 an application or competition.

The IGNITE Academy is open to **non-seniors only**.

The top competitors in the Leadership & Teamwork Event will qualify for a spot in the IGNITE Academy.



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 **two (2)** students to the THRIVE Academy. Students do not have to apply for the academy in order to represent their chapter.

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Evaluation Criteria for the ASPIRE, ELEVATE and IGNITE 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 ASPIRE, ELEVATE and IGNITE academies:

- The ELEVATE and IGNITE Academies are only open to non-seniors. Chapters may submit applications for up to two (2) students to attend **either** the ELEVATE or IGNITE Academies. Michigan DECA will decide which academy best suits the student based on their 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.

Completed application packets need to arrive at the Michigan DECA office before February 1, 2024.

Spaces for the 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.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points Possible</u>
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
<u>Confidential Endorsements</u>	<u>10 each (30 total)</u>
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	100

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

Applications may NOT be emailed.

Mail completed application packets so they are received before the deadline to:

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

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This application must be typed.

You must adhere to the guidelines on the first page for the qualification for each of the academies.

I AM APPLYING FOR:

IGNITE/ELEVATE Academies (Non-Seniors Only) No more than two (2) students can apply per chapter. Michigan DECA will decide which academy best suits the student based on their application.

ASPIRE Academy (Seniors Only) No more than two (2) students can apply per chapter.

Name of applicant

Grade level in school

School name

Advisor's name

School Address

City

State

Zip

Number of chapter members last year

Number of chapter members this year

What are your future educational plans?

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

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HONORS AND AWARDS

<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Honor/Award</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

LOCAL DECA OFFICES HELD AND/OR ACTIVITIES

<i>Office/Activity</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Responsibilities/Accomplishments</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS *(Membership In and/or Office Held)*

<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Responsibility/Office Held</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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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 in a sealed envelope (each in a separate envelope), and sent accompanying this application. Please plan ahead so all materials arrive together in one large envelope 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.

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Applicant's signature

Advisor's signature

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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 Grade level in school

School name 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:

	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>No Info</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Dependability - prompt, sincere, consistent, truthful follows directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership - 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"/>
Industrious - 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"/>
Mental Alertness - attentive, interested, eager to learn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative - 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"/>
Ability to Get Along With Others - adaptable, friendly, tactful, respectful of others, sense of humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Appearance and Grooming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude - 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 _____