2026 Calendar of Events

ASAP	Submit 10 or more members to receive your free DECA+ subscription
Sept 28 - Oct 2	DECA School Based Enterprise Week
September 30	**Deadline** to activate your DECA chapter to receive free competition resources
October 1	**Registration Deadline** for New Advisor In-Service
October 5	**Registration Deadline** for State Leadership Summit ***Chapters are limited to 12 students per chapter for Thursday***
October 8	New Advisor In-Service, *Eastern Michigan University*
October 15	**Registration Deadline** The Ultimate DECA Power Trip
October 26 & 27	State Leadership Summit (SLC), *East Lansing, Michigan*
October 31	**Initial Membership Rosters Due in the DECA Membership portal** *All membership submissions must be submitted online by this date*
November	#DECAmonth
November 13	**Registration Deadline** for Sports & Entertainment Marketing Workshop
November 16-22	Global Entrepreneurship Week
November 20-22	The Ultimate DECA Power Trip, *Louisville, Kentucky*
November 23	**Registration Deadline** for District Conference at Early Rate
November 30	**Payment for Initial Membership Rosters Due** ***All submitted membership invoices need to be PAID by this date for:*** • *Gimmie 5! Award eligibility* • *Conference Credit incentive eligibility* • *Counted towards your District's allocated number of SCDC qualifiers* • *THRIVE-level Michigan rewards for the DECA Membership Campaign*
November 30	**Deadline** for 100% Membership Reporting Form to Michigan DECA
Nov 30 - Dec 3	Online Testing Window for District Conferences *Chapters must choose two days during the window to test students*
December 1	**Deadline** for Bronze level MAP names for recognition at District Conferences
December 1	State Officer Candidate forms open **mideca.org/candidates**
December 1	**Deadlines** for**:** Membership submissions online for campaign recognition Membership Campaign entries to DECA Inc.
December 2	Sports & Entertainment Marketing Workshop, *Little Caesars Arena, Detroit, Michigan*
December 3	**Registration Deadline** for District Conference at Late Rate
One-week prior to District Conf. date	**Deadline** for all Pitch Deck Events to be uploaded to the District Conference portal *(Innovation Plan, the three Integrated Marketing Campaigns, Start-Up Business Plan)*
December 10	District 1 Conference, *Saginaw Valley State University*
December 12	District 6 Conference, *Lakeland High School, White Lake*
December 15	District 7 Conference, *Macomb Community College*
December 16	District 8 Conference, *Wayne County Community College, Taylor Campus*
December 17	District 2 Conference, *Grand Rapids Community College*
December 18	**Payment Deadline** for District Conferences

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January 6	District 4 Conference, *Eastern Michigan University*
January 7	District 5 Conference, *Eastern Michigan University*
January 8	District 9 Conference, *Eastern Michigan University*
January 11	**Deadline** for DECA Student Scholarship Applications deca.org/scholarships
January 14	**Deadline** for School-Based Enterprise Documentation deca.org/sbe
January 15	District 3 Conference, *Western Michigan University*
January 20	**Deadline** for DECA Advisor Scholarship Applications deca.org/advisorapplications
January 21	**Deadline** for State Officer Candidate Screening Registration & Advisor Approval
January 26	**Deadline** to submit the online State Officer Candidate Information Form
January 30	State Officer Candidate Screening, *East Lansing, Michigan*
February	#CTEmonth
February 1	**Deadlines** for: International Conference Academies Applications Bronze, Silver, and Gold level MAP names
February 1	**Deadline** for State Conference (SCDC) Qualifier Not Attending Notification
February 4	**Registration Deadline** for State Conference Registration and Housing
February 9-15	**Submission window** for all Prepared Events to the SCDC online competition portal
February 15	**Final Payment Deadline of Membership Invoices** ***Membership must be paid by this date to be eligible to attend SCDC and ICDC***
February 25	**Deadline** for hard copy submission of Gold Merit and Chapter Awards Projects ***Hard copies must arrive at our office by this date. Refer to the event guidelines for details.***
February 25	**Payment Deadline** for State Career Development Conference
February 26	Advisors' Council and SCDC Event Coordinator Meeting, *Eastern Michigan University*
February 27	Prepared Event Screening, *Halle Library, Eastern Michigan University* ***Advisors with 2 or more prepared events must attend or pay a screening fee***
February 28	**Deadline** for MDA Verification form MDA to be recognized at State Conference
March 1	**Deadline** for Advocacy Campaign entries to DECA Inc.
March 11-13	State Career Development Conference (SCDC), *Detroit, Michigan*
March 15	**Deadline** for ICDC Qualifier Not Attending Form due
March 16	**Registration Deadline** for International Career Development Conference
March 23-30	**Submission window** for all Prepared Events to the ICDC online competition portal
April 10	**Payment Deadline** for International Career Development Conference
April 17-21	International Career Development Conference (ICDC), *Anaheim, California*