

PA FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Plan C – Commuter Status – Information and Procedures

Pennsylvania FBLA chapters (its members and advisers) are given three options regarding attendance at the State Leadership Conference.

Plan A: 2 nights' lodging, 5-meals package (at a PA FBLA contracted hotel)

Plan B: 2 nights' lodging, no meals package (at a PA FBLA contracted hotel)

Plan C: no lodging, no meals package (the attendee is considered a "commuter")

Definition of a "Commuter"

A "commuter" is defined as an individual who travels to and from Hershey each day of the conference and has not purchased the Plan A or Plan B package (does not stay at a PA FBLA contracted SLC hotel).

Chapters/individuals choose "commuter" status for various reasons. Here are examples:

1. The chapter is located in close proximity/reasonable travel distance from Hershey and chooses to drive in each day to reduce its costs or is not permitted to stay at a hotel because of its close proximity.
2. The chapter is not permitted by its school system to stay on a PA FBLA Plan A or Plan B package, but it is permitted to attend the SLC. The school system may require the chapter to make its own lodging reservations at a non-conference facility. Remember, PA FBLA has contracted with 11 hotels in the Hershey area, and lodging outside the FBLA block will not be permitted.
3. Individuals (students) may choose to commute because of school commitments such as musicals, sports, etc., which do not make lodging a viable option.

Guidance to FBLA Advisers

For every adviser/guest/chaperone registered for the SLC, those names must appear either on a Plan A form, a Plan B form, or a Plan C form. Think of this as the SLC equation:

Names on registration = Names on Plan A and/or Names on Plan B and/or Names on Plan C.

Advisers must cross reference the names that they have registered and make sure they have been entered on one of those plans.

FAQs Regarding Plan C (and other information)

1. Does everyone have to be registered for the SLC?
 - a. Answer: Yes, every attendee (regardless of Plan A, Plan B, or Plan C) must be registered by the chapter adviser for the conference and pay the \$85 per person registration fee.
2. If I am on Plan C, do I need to pay the commuter fee?
 - a. Answer: All individuals on Plan C (commuter) status must pay the \$20 commuter fee.
3. What costs does the commuter fee cover?
 - a. Answer: The commuter fee includes costs associated with around-the-clock security; refreshments; taxes, service charges, and gratuities; shuttle service to and from the Hershey Lodge to the Hotel Hershey, Harvest Building, and Mt. Laurel meeting rooms for competitive events; shuttle service to Hershey attractions Sunday-Tuesday; equipment/room rental fees; liability insurance; and administrative and other conference expenses. There is NO hotel to conference center shuttle service.
4. Is it possible for my chapter to have a combination of individuals who are lodging on Plan A or B and commuting on Plan C?
 - a. Answer: Yes, that is possible. That is a regular occurrence for some schools.

5. May a student who is commuting travel to the SLC on his/her own?
 - a. Answer: No. Every student on site at the conference must have an adviser/adult/chaperone already on site when the commuter arrives at the conference site.
6. If my chapter makes its own lodging reservations for the SLC at a facility that has not been contracted by PA FBLA, will there be shuttle service?
 - a. Answer: No. Shuttle service is only available at PA FBLA contracted hotels. Schools making their own lodging reservations must make their own shuttle service arrangements to the conference hotel.
7. If my chapter is commuter status, are we responsible for our own meals?
 - a. Answer: Yes.
8. If my chapter is commuter status, can we purchase individual meals from the conference package?
 - a. Answer: Yes. Contact Janet Skiles and/or Bruce Boncal for the online ordering form and pricing to purchase individual meals.
9. If my chapter is commuter status, are we still required to comply with the Delegate Code of Conduct and the Dress Code?
 - a. Answer: Yes.
10. If an adult or student doesn't plan to attend the Opening Session and/or Awards Sessions, are we still responsible for the commuter fee?
 - a. Answer: Yes.
 - b. However, PA FBLA will refund \$10 per person commuter fee for every individual who doesn't attend the Opening Session AS LONG AS the student was identified as not attending the Opening Session on the Commuter Form prior to the SLC.
 - c. However, PA FBLA will refund \$10 per person commuter fee for every individual who doesn't attend the Awards Program AS LONG AS the student was identified as not attending the Awards Program on the Commuter Form prior to the SLC.
 - d. The commuter fee must be paid in full prior to the SLC by all attendees in order to qualify for the refund.
 - e. Reserved seats will not be made for those individuals who are identified as not attending the Opening Session and/or the Awards Program.
11. Is it possible to just commute to the conference to compete in a competitive event and not stay for anything else? If so, am I responsible for payment of the commuter fee? Will I get a refund if I am not attending the Opening Sessions and the Awards Program?
 - a. Answer: Yes, yes, and yes.
12. If I am an adviser commuting to the SLC, am I still responsible for assisting with a competitive events duty or a miscellaneous duty?
 - a. Answer: Yes. It is absolutely essential that all advisers/guests/chaperones assist with these duties. It takes hundreds of staff to operate the many competitive events offered at the SLC. PA FBLA will work to assign you a responsibility based on the times you are on site at the conference.