

Banking and Financial Systems

Understanding how financial institutions and financial consulting and advisory services operate is important to successful business ownership and management, as well as to personal financial success. This event provides recognition for FBLA members who have an understanding of and skills in the general operations of the various components of the financial service sector.

Competencies

This event is composed of two (2) parts: a written objective test and a case-study problem that is presented and defended before a panel of judges. Only a written objective test will be administered at the RLC.

The objective test will consist of items related to the functions and services provided by banks and related financial institutions, investment facilitators, and insurance providers. Areas of emphasis on the test may include concepts and practices; government regulation of financial services; basic terminology; the impact of technology on financial services; types and differences between the various types of institutions; ethics; careers in financial services; and taxation.

The performance competencies for this event assist students in being able to: demonstrate understanding of case, understand role of the judge as component of the presentation, provide introduction and overview, explain, discuss, and describe recommendations, use critical thinking/reasoning, use correct grammar, tone, and style, and demonstrate the ability to make a professional presentation.

Career Cluster(s):

Business, Management, and Administration; Finance

Business Education Curriculum Standard(s):

Accounting, Career Development, Communication, Economics and Personal Finance, Management

Region Eligibility

Each chapter may enter one team of two to three (2-3) members who must be from the same school. The participants must be members of active local chapters and are on record in the Pennsylvania state and the FBLA-PBL national offices as having paid dues by January 31. If the region conference is scheduled before January 31, then dues must be paid prior to that conference date as established by the region and posted on the PA FBLA web site.

One team member may repeat and may have entered this event at a previous Region Leadership Conference.

If one or more of the team's members cannot participate in the objective test and the team no longer has the required number of members, the team will not be allowed to substitute other participants and the team will be disqualified.

It is the responsibility of the:

local chapter adviser

- pay membership dues for all competitors by the published region deadline and to register students through the PA FBLA online registration system by the published deadline.

region adviser

- to verify that membership dues of participants at the region conference comply with the deadlines listed above.

State Eligibility

The minimum number of teams each region may enter is the first-place team whose participants are members of an active local chapter and are on record in the Pennsylvania state and the FBLA-PBL national offices as having paid dues by January 31 or prior to the region conference by the date posted on the PA FBLA web site.

One team member may repeat and may have entered this event at a prior State Leadership Conference.

If one or more of the team's members cannot participate in the objective test and the team no longer has the required number of members, the team will not be allowed to substitute other participants and the team will be disqualified.

If any of the eligible winners cannot attend the SLC, it is the responsibility of the:

local chapter adviser

- to contact the region adviser about the team that will not be attending.

region adviser

- to contact the adviser of the next eligible competitor about participating at the State Leadership Conference.
- to notify the PA FBLA Executive Director/State Chairman of the change before the deadline date published at www.pafbla.org/importantdates.php, which is posted on the PA FBLA web site.

Region Procedure

The following procedures must be used:

1. The team will take a one-hour collaborative written objective test based on the Competencies section listed in these guidelines. **Since this is a collaborative test, all team members must be present at the same time. If a member of the team arrives after the objective test has begun, he or she will be admitted to the testing area and the team will be permitted to take the test in the remaining amount of the time for the event. The team will not receive any additional instructions from the event administrators.**
2. **The team members must comply with the PA FBLA Dress Code which can be found at www.pafbla.org/dresscode. If any team participant does not comply, he or she will not be admitted to the testing area until the participant is in compliance.**
3. There will be no case study at the region level.
4. Participants must furnish their own No. 2 pencils and erasers. No other materials or equipment may be used.
5. At the Region Leadership Conference, the participant may use his or her own cordless calculator unless one is provided by the region. At the RLC, no scientific calculators, graphing calculators, PDAs (Palm Pilots, etc.), phones, or other memory storage devices are allowed to be used in this event.

State Procedure

The following procedures must be used:

1. The event requires three rooms—a holding/sequestering room, a preparation room, and a delivery room.
2. At the State Leadership Conference, the chapter adviser must confirm the students' participation in the event. Participants who are not confirmed will be disqualified.

Objective Test

1. The team will take a one-hour collaborative written objective test based on the Competencies section listed in these guidelines. **Since this is a collaborative test, all team members must be present at the same time. If a member of the team arrives after the objective test has begun, he or she will be admitted to the testing area and the team will be permitted to take the test in the remaining amount of the time for the event. The team will not receive any additional instructions from the event administrators.**
2. **The team members must comply with the PA FBLA Dress Code which can be found at www.pafbla.org/dresscode. If any team participant does not comply, he or she will not be admitted to the testing area until the participant is in compliance.**

3. The ten (10) teams with the highest score will be scheduled for a performance test. The ten (10) highest scoring teams will be posted after the Opening General Session. The order of performance will be drawn at random by members of the state committee.
4. Participants must furnish their own No. 2 pencils and erasers.
5. At the State Leadership Conference, the participant will be provided a calculator to use in this competitive event. Participants may not use their own calculators. At the SLC, no scientific calculators, graphing calculators, PDAs (Palm Pilots, etc.), phones, or other memory storage devices are allowed to be used in this event.

Case Study Problem

1. All members of the ten (10) participating finalist teams in this event must report at the event time listed in the program for instructions and to be sequestered. All team members will be sequestered until their performance times. **Because the students in this event are sequestered, a participant arriving late may enter the holding room as long as the first performance has not begun. If the first performance has begun, the participant will not be permitted to enter the holding room and the team will be disqualified. The team will not receive any instructions if the participants arrive after instructions have been given by the event administrator.**
2. **The participant(s) must comply with the PA FBLA Dress Code which can be found at www.pafbla.org/dresscode. If the participants do not comply, they will not be admitted to the holding room until they are in compliance with the dress code.**
3. A case study will be given consisting of a problem or scenario encountered in the banking or financial business community.
4. Twenty (20) minutes before performance, each team will receive the ethical dilemma.
5. Two (2) 4" x 6" index cards must be provided for each participant and may be used during the preparation and presentation. Information may be written on both sides of the index cards. Note cards will be collected following the presentation.
6. No reference materials, visual aids, or electronic devices may be brought to or used during the preparation or performance.
7. The team has seven (7) minutes to present the case to the judges.
8. Team members should introduce themselves, describe the situation, make recommendations, and summarize the case. All team members must participate in the presentation. Team members will be allowed to use their index cards in explaining their case to the judges.
9. A timekeeper will stand at six (6) minutes. When each team is finished, the time used will be recorded. A five (5) point deduction will be made for presentations over seven (7) minutes. A maximum of three (3) additional minutes will be allowed for questions from the judges. Participants should be prepared to defend their recommendations and respond to questions from the judges.
10. Case study presentations are open to conference attendees, except performing participants of this event.

State Eligibility

The minimum number of competitors each region may enter is the first place team who are members of active local chapters and are on record in the Pennsylvania state and the FBLA-PBL national offices as having paid dues by January 31 or prior to the region conference by the date posted on the PA FBLA web site.

If any of the eligible winners cannot attend the SLC, it is the responsibility of the:

local chapter adviser

- to contact the region adviser about the student who will not be attending.

region adviser

- to contact the adviser of the next eligible competitor about participating at the State Leadership Conference.
- to notify the PA FBLA Executive Director/State Chairman of the change before the deadline date published at www.pafbلا.org/importantdates.php, which is posted on the PA FBLA web site.

Region and State Judging

Tests will be machine and/or hand graded. Ties will be broken as follows:

First Tiebreaker

- Contestant who progressed furthest through the entire test without making an error will be rated higher. Proceed to the second tiebreaker only if both tests are identical.

Second Tiebreaker

- Contestant who submitted his or her completed test first will be rated higher.

Tiebreaker implementation examples can be found in this handbook or at www.pafbلا.org/tiebreakers.

The presentation portion of this event will be evaluated by a panel of judges and will be used to determine the final ranking. All decisions of the judges are final. In the event there is a tie presentation score, the objective test score of the tied teams will be used to break the tie. In the case of a tie, the following objective test tiebreakers will be used to determine the final rankings:

First Tiebreaker

- Team that progressed furthest through the entire test without making an error will be rated higher. Proceed to the second tiebreaker only if both tests are identical.

Second Tiebreaker

- Team that submitted its completed test first will be rated higher.

Tiebreaker implementation examples can be found in this handbook or at www.pafbلا.org/tiebreakers.

Region Awards

Each region may decide the number and type of awards to be presented at the RLC.

State Awards

The state chapter will present a maximum of ten (10) awards at the State Leadership Conference.

National Conference Eligibility

The first- and second-place award winning teams at the State Leadership Conference are eligible to attend the National Leadership Conference. Advisers and participants should refer to the latest edition of the [National Chapter Management Handbook](#) for official National Leadership Conference event guidelines.

In the event that the first- or second-place team cannot attend, it is the responsibility of the:

local chapter adviser

- to contact the PA FBLA Executive Director/State Chairman about the team that will not be attending.

PA FBLA Executive Director/State Chairman

- to contact the next eligible award winning team about participating at the National Leadership Conference.

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Performance Rating Sheet

Evaluation Item	Not Demonstrated	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Content and Recommendation					
Situation is understood and effectively defined	0	1 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	
Alternatives are recognized with pros and cons stated and evaluated	0	1 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	
Logical solution is selected with positive and negative aspects of its implementation given	0	1 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	
Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of banking and financial systems concepts	0	1 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	
Delivery of Presentation					
Thoughts and statements are well organized and clearly stated; appropriate business language used	0	1 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	
Team members are forceful and show self-confidence, poise, and good voice projection	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
All team members actively participated in the presentation	0	1 – 2	3 – 4	5	
Demonstration of ability to effectively answer questions	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Total Score				/100 max.	
Time Penalty: Deduct five (5) points for presentations over seven (7) minutes Time:					
Professional Appearance: Deduct up to five (5) points at the judge's discretion					
Final Score				/100 max.	

Written Test Score: To be used only in the event of a tie. _____

Names: _____

Region: _____ School: _____

Judge's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Comments:

VERIFICATION & INITIALS
(scores checked for accuracy)

Chief Administrator _____

Official Checker _____