



North Dakota DECA State Officer Guidelines 2009-2010 Officer Candidates

Test to Qualify for Candidacy

1. All candidates must take the State Officer Exam.
2. Tests must be returned to the State DECA Officer no later than February 23, 2010 (postmark). Tests not postmarked by February 23, 2010 will be deducted 10 points on the test score.
3. Candidates must receive 70% or higher on the exam to be a candidate. Candidates will be notified by email or mail.

Meetings Required

1. Candidates must attend the general session on Sunday, March 14, 2010. Candidate speeches will take place at this session.
2. Candidates must complete the interview process during the conference on Sunday, March 14, 2010.
3. Candidates will have a booth available to campaign **Sunday and Monday**.
4. Candidates must attend the State Business Meeting (election) on Monday, March 15, 2010. Candidates should be available at ½ hour before the business meeting to visit with voting delegates.

Pre Conference Campaigning

1. There is **NO** pre-conference campaigning. Candidates will be listed on the state website and in the state newsletter.

Campaign Interviews

1. Candidates will be asked at least three questions.
2. Candidates will be interviewed by a panel. Scores will reflect 40% of the election.

Campaign Speeches

1. Candidates will be asked to give a speech to the members attending the conference. The speech should be no less than 60 seconds and no longer than 90 seconds. Candidates may lose points if their speech is less than 60 seconds. This will take place on Sunday, March 14, 2010. **A COPY OF THE CAMPAIGN SPEECH MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ADVISOR NO LATER THAN MARCH 8, 2010. THE COPY OF THE SPEECH WILL BE GIVEN TO THE INTERVIEW COMMITTEE AND WILL BE REVIEWED, DEMONSTRATING PREPARATION FOR OFFICE.**

Voting Delegate Contact

1. You **MUST** meet with **ALL** voting delegates on Sunday or Monday, prior to the business meeting. Each voting delegate will request you to stamp their "Voting Delegate Card" to secure their vote. It is imperative that you take this seriously.

Campaigning at the State DECA Career Development Conference

1. The conference theme is "LIVE LEARN LEAD." You are encouraged to develop a campaign theme that fits the conference theme – or the theme of the site of the 2009 National Conference (Louisville, Kentucky).
2. All candidates should dress in professional attire for the social and campaign event. One table and one chair will be provided to each candidate. Booth spaces **MAY NOT** have a secure wall behind the table.
3. Booths may be set up after 3:00 on Sunday, March 14. Campaign Booths are not required, but suggested. They are provided by North Dakota DECA at NO COST to the candidate.
4. You may **NOT** distribute beverages at your campaign booth or to anyone as part of your campaign. Food items may be distributed but **must be individually wrapped**. Candidates are asked to make sure their campaign area is clean at all times.

Election Session

1. The election will take place on Monday, March 14, 2010. All voting delegates and officer candidates must be in attendance. Candidates will be brought to the stage and introduced. The new state officers will be announced at the Awards Session on Tuesday morning.

State Officer Leadership Training

Leadership Training will be held the week of June 6-9, 2010. Officers **MUST** attend Officer Training.

If you have questions concerning any of these candidate rules, please contact the state advisor at: kreisena@nd.gov