



# Board of Directors Application

**Washington DECA  
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## **About Washington DECA:**

Washington DECA is a non-profit organization, formed in 1943 whose mission is to provide business and leadership opportunities to high school students to succeed in school, careers and life. Our vision is to prepare innovative leaders and entrepreneurs who make a positive social and global impact. Washington DECA has 11,130 members and is the fifth largest DECA association in the world.

By creating partnerships between business and education, Washington DECA maximizes real-world experiences to develop high school student into leaders and entrepreneurs. DECA provides career connected learning opportunities for students in the fields of finance, hospitality, marketing and management.

Data demonstrates that participation in DECA:

- Increases academic engagement
- Develops communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills
- Improves graduation rates
- Provides real world application through the competitive events program

## **What Our Members are Saying...**

***“High school was rough because I was homeless and changed schools frequently in Snohomish county. The one thing that kept me focused was each school had a DECA program. Thank you DECA for helping me succeed and become the man I am today.”*** **Anonymous Alumni**

***“DECA is an opportunity to even the social imbalance in our society. Through DECA I became a volunteer, leader, communicator and business woman.”*** **Erika Kumar, Student**

## **Washington DECA Board of Directors:**

Washington DECA Board members have the potential to serve on committees, as well as to plan and support strategic initiatives, based on their interests, availability, and expertise. Current areas of service include:

- Increase access of the Washington DECA programs for students across Washington State
- Improve brand awareness
- Build the financial foundation of the organization
- Expand stakeholder relationships and grow partnerships
- Develop communication methods and maintain existing communication efforts among members that span between conferences and events
- Improve legislative policy and practices that support Career and Technical Student Organizations

Serving as a Washington DECA Board member will provide numerous opportunities to develop your leadership skills while contributing to the advancement of Career and Technical Student Organizations in Washington State.

The minimum requirement for Washington DECA Board Members are as follows;

**Commitment:** Minimum three-year commitment to the Washington DECA Board

**Attendance:** Attendance of a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of board meetings- September through August.

- General Board Member: Three meetings
- Executive Board Member: Six meetings

**Participation:** Active participation on one committee. If you are a member of the Executive Board, you will need to actively participate on two committees; one of which is the Executive Committee.

**Committees:**

- Area Leader's Representative Committee
- Board Development Committee
- Finance Committee
- Compensation Committee
- Fundraising and Development Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Technology Committee

**Volunteering:** Volunteer commitment to Washington DECA annually through any of the two following events:

1. Recruit a minimum of five judges for the Fall Leadership Conference mock competition
2. Judge and/or volunteer at the Fall Leadership Conference
3. Volunteer in the Washington DECA office with pre-conference state competition preparation
4. Recruit a minimum of five judges for the State Career Development Conference
5. Serve as an all-day judge and/or volunteer at the State Career Development Conference

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Washington DECA Board of Directors. If you have any questions about this application, please feel free to contact us at [lori@wadeca.org](mailto:lori@wadeca.org)

**Thank you for applying!**



Date \_\_\_\_\_ (applications are valid one year from date listed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last Preferred first name

**Contact Information:**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Background and Work Experience:**

**Please submit a current Resume with education history, work experience, publications/ presentations, awards/honors, and at least two references.**

Do you have supervisor/institutional support to serve on the Washington DECA Board?

Yes  No  Will seek if selected as a final candidate, but anticipate

support If no, please explain:

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Please answer the following questions:

1) Why are you interested in serving on the Washington DECA Board of Directors?

2) What contributions could you make as a board member for Washington DECA?

3) Please describe any related knowledge, interests, and expertise that you possess which could benefit Washington DECA.

**Skills, experience, and interests** (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance, accounting    | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Planning       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology, innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Outreach     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resource Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               |

Please list any groups, organizations or businesses that you could serve as a liaison to/advocate for on behalf of Washington DECA.

Please tell us anything else you'd like to share.

Please allow my name to stand for nomination to the Washington DECA Board of Directors. I am willing to commit my time, energy and passion to Washington DECA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

***For Board Use Only***

\_\_ Nominee was referred by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_ Nominee was mailed an application packet. Date \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_ Nominee had a personal meeting with ED, Committee Chair, or other board member. Date \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_ Nominee's application was reviewed by the Board Development Committee. Date \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_ Nominee was interviewed by the Board Development Committee. Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Action taken by the Board Development Committee \_\_\_\_\_.

Action taken by the Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_.

