



*Missouri Collegiate DECA Bylaws*  
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**PS--Bylaw 1--Name**

**Section 1.** The official name of this Division shall be Missouri Collegiate DECA.

**PS--Bylaw II--Membership**

**Section 1.** Missouri Collegiate DECA recognizes individual membership only through chartered local chapters or independent chapters. This organization shall consist of all post secondary chapters located in the State of Missouri. Each chapter shall consist of individual members.

**Section 2.** Individual members shall be recognized as active members or honorary life members.

**Section 3.** Active members shall be students in postsecondary programs of marketing, merchandising, management, and/or related fields. Active members must pay dues established by Missouri Collegiate DECA. Following payment of dues, active members meeting eligibility criteria will be able to hold state office, participate in the State Career Development Conference competitive events and other projects, serve as a state voting delegate, or to otherwise represent their local chapter in Missouri Collegiate DECA as may be approved by their organization.

**Section 4.** Honorary Life members may be individuals who have made or are making contributions to the fields of marketing or management and to DECA, as may be approved by the Board of Directors of DECA Inc., and shall be exempt from annual dues.

**Section 5.** Annual membership dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00), of which five dollars (\$5.00) shall go to the state organization and ten dollars (\$10.00) shall go to the national organization. The membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31 inclusive.

**PS--Bylaw III--Voting Delegates**

**Section 1.** Missouri Collegiate DECA will exercise its membership voting privileges through Voting Delegates. Each local chapter shall have five (5) base votes per Charter Chapter (a Charter requires a minimum of ten members), and one additional vote for each additional ten members in excess of the base Chapter Charter requirements. The basis for the number of voting delegates shall be determined by the number of members identified on the roster received by the state office for the second semester deadline.

**Section 2.** Voting delegates will be entitled to individual vote.

**PS--Bylaw IV--State Officers**

**Section 1.** The state officers shall consist of a President, Vice President and a State Representative from each chapter. Should the need for additional State Representative arise, the State Advisor shall have the authority to make Executive Appointments.



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**Section 2.** Each local chapter will be responsible for selecting one individual who shall serve as a State Representative to the Board of Directors. When a local chapter has the President or Vice President serving on the Board of Directors, they are entitled to select an individual to serve as a State Representative. Each State Representative shall have full voting rights on the Board. Chapter Advisors should submit the name of the State Representative to the state office at the beginning of the academic year.

**Section 3.** Election of the President and Vice President shall take place at the State Career Development Conference. The individual receiving the most votes will become the President. The person receiving the second highest amount of votes will become the Vice President. Only one candidate from each chapter may run for office.

**Section 4.** Members wishing to run for President of the State Board of Directors must be approved by their respective chapter with a majority vote of their total membership. Potential candidates shall also follow and abide by all guidelines established by the Board of Directors and/or established by the State Advisor in order to be considered a candidate.

**Section 5.** Members wishing to run for a National Office of Collegiate DECA representing the State of Missouri must be approved by a majority vote of the membership as designated by Bylaw III - Voting Delegates. This process shall occur during the State Career Development Conference. Potential candidates shall also follow and abide by all guidelines established by the Board of Directors and/or established by the State Advisor in order to be considered a candidate.

**Section 6.** Nomination for President or approval of a National Officer Candidate will not be accepted from the floor at the State Career Development Conference.

#### **PS--Bylaw V-- Duties of State Officers**

**Section 1. PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the president of Missouri Collegiate DECA to preside at all meetings of this division; to make all necessary committee appointments including the designation of committee chairperson; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of DECA.

**Section 2. VICE PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the vice president to serve this division in any capacity as directed by the president; to promote the growth and development of DECA in accordance with the Program of Work during his/her term of office; and to make himself/herself available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of DECA.

#### **PS--Bylaw V--Amendments**

**Section 1.** To amend these Bylaws, the proposed Amendment must be presented in writing by the member(s) proposing the Amendment to all authorized voting delegates. Debate and voting on an Amendment shall not take place until the meeting following the proposal. If approved by a two-thirds majority of the voting delegates, the Amendment will take effect immediately.