

# OHIO FBLA QUICK START GUIDE

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Greetings Ohio FBLA Chapter Advisers:

On behalf of the Ohio FBLA-PBL Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to welcome you into a new membership year. As you begin to plan your chapter activities for the year, please take a look below for some great resources for you to keep in mind. As always, the Ohio FBLA volunteer leadership team and state officer team are here to help you along your FBLA journey. While 2020-2021 is shaping up to be a challenging and unique year, there are still so many ways for us to deliver our mission to inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences

Thank you,

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**National Adviser Welcome Guide:**

The national office has released an Adviser Welcome Guide with valuable information to help your chapter successfully kick off this membership year. A link to the guide which may then be downloaded is below along with some important info that we wanted to highlight for you.

**National Adviser Welcome Guide:**

<https://www.nxtbook.com/fbla/fbla/FBLAAdviserWelcomeGuide/index.php>

**Student Membership Registration**

Visit <https://my.fbla-pbl.org> and sign in with your individual email and password. For more information visit page 10 of linked National Adviser Welcome Guide which includes access to a sample Google form for collecting student member data. First and last name, grade, gender and email are needed to registered student members. For any issues with logging in or registering members please contact Eric Jones at [ejones@fbla.org](mailto:ejones@fbla.org).

**Membership Dues**

FBLA Dues: \$13 (\$6 national and \$7 state)

ML Dues: \$11 (\$6 national and \$5 state)

(Local dues are at the discretion of the local chapter)

**Paying Dues**

Pay or Renew dues online at [www.fbla-pbl.org](http://www.fbla-pbl.org). If a credit card is not used at the time members are entered, an invoice will be sent to the school for payment with a check. Paid state dues must be on record with the national office no later than January 25<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to compete at both the ML and HS State Leadership Conference and/or run for state office. All outstanding invoices must be PAID to the national office by March 1 for students to compete at the National Leadership Conference.



### 2020-2021 Membership Year Theme – ASPIRE

We *aspire* to explore, experience, and engage with you. We aspire for a better future. We aspire to grow business. We aspire to lead. More information on this year's theme along with accompanying logos may be found on page 13 of the National Adviser Welcome Guide.

### FBLA-PBL Adviser Leadership Community (NEW)

The Leadership Community is an interactive posting platform that will take the place of most communications from Nationals. Shared resources, program updates and deadline info may be found here along with a discussion feature to ask questions, share ideas and more. Access by clicking this link and using the same credentials as the membership database: <https://leadershipcommunity.fbla.org>. More info on page 11 of the National Adviser Welcome Guide.

**Service Programs and Student Member Programming** opportunities are listed on pages 20-23 of the National Adviser Welcome Guide. Ohio FBLA recommends that students and chapters begin reviewing these opportunities, set goals for implementation and begin working on first steps. The **Business Achievement Awards (BAAs)** have been updated this year and are an excellent way for individual members to begin earning recognition as they develop leadership skills. Instructions on registering student members for BAAs so they may begin their work can be found here: <https://www.fbla-pbl.org/fbla/programs/education/baa/>. Please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance.

### FBLA Stock Market Game

This is a great resource for educators and students interested in finance. The program is for paid members but has an additional \$10.95 team fee for participation. The Fall 2020 SMG session is September 14 – December 4. Students may begin after 9/14 but the registration deadline is October 16. More details and instructions to sign up may be found on page 27 of the National Adviser Welcome Guide.

### Chapter Management Handbook (CMH)

Both the ML and HS *Chapter Management Handbooks* are important tools to help with your FBLA chapter. Information ranging from the mission, goals, and recruitment ideas to NLC competitive event guidelines can be found in these handbooks online at [www.fbla-pbl.org](http://www.fbla-pbl.org). Visit the website and hover over “Divisions”, the click on FBLA or ML and the first link is the *CMH*. The *CMH* is a very large resource and it may not be feasible to print it out as a hard-copy document, but it is available to use electronically at all times. The changes in NLC Competitive vents have been updated for both ML and HS, and annual updates should be reflected each year by the end of August.