



MEET TOMORROW'S LEADERS & ENTREPRENEURS

VOLUNTEER AS A COMPETITIVE
EVENT JUDGE AND INVEST IN
OREGON'S FUTURE WORKFORCE



JOIN US THIS FEBRUARY

The Oregon DECA State Career Development Conference (SCDC) will bring together the top DECA members from across the state to compete for their chance to advance to the International level of competition. As a competitive event judge, you will help choose the students who will represent Oregon at the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA!

In-Person: February 22-24, 2026

**Oregon DECA State Career Development Conference
Holiday Inn Columbia Riverfront - Portland, OR**

Virtual: February 1 - 15, 2026

Oregon DECA State Career Development Conference



REGISTER TODAY

<https://oregondeca.org/judge/sign-up/>



DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

DECA is a co-curricular student organization and designed to be an integral part of the classroom instructional program. Members are able to apply their learning through competitions on the local, state/provincial and international levels.

HOW STUDENTS COMPETE



FALL | SELECT

Students choose from over 60 competitive event categories, ranging from prepared business plans and market research events to on-the-spot role plays and case studies.



WINTER | PRACTICE

Using skills learned in the classroom, students prepare for competition by studying, preparing their materials, practicing, and sometimes competing at the region level.



SPRING | COMPETE

Students advancing to state competition will put their skills to the test at the SCDC. As a judge, you will meet DECA's best and brightest members as they present the projects they have been working on all year.



SUMMER | SHOWCASE

Oregon's top winners will head to ICDC to compete for a winning spot on the International stage.



WHY JUDGE?



RECRUIT

Meet your future workforce and talent pool.



PUBLICIZE

Showcase your organization to the state's top students and educators.



SERVE

Give back and contribute to the community through service hours.



INVEST

Mentor and help develop the next generation of leaders.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

■ WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

Only a willingness to see students succeed! If you have specific skills that can be useful in judging, please let us know. We would love to find the right events for your skills.

■ WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS WILL I JUDGE?

DECA has nearly 60 competitive events, from prepared business plans and market research events to on-the-spot role plays and case studies.

Learn about the competitive events program at: <https://www.deca.org/compete>

■ HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IF I AM NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

We hope you will consider judging pre-conference events! Several DECA events require pre-judging of written projects or reports prior to the conference. Your materials will be sent to you electronically, along with complete instructions and scoring sheets. Judge Online - Written events - Feb. 1-15, 2026 (at your own pace).

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■ WHO JUDGES?

Our judges come from a wide range of industries and backgrounds. Whether you are a business owner or new to an industry, your experience and insight is highly valuable to DECA members.

■ WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Competition in-person judges are needed for February 22 - 24, 2026. Below is a typical judge schedule:

FIRST HOUR OF JUDGING

- Check-In, Orientation, and Training
- APPROXIMATELY 4 – 6 HOURS
- Evaluate Student Presentations
- END OF JUDGE DAY
- Depart knowing you have helped the next generation of future leaders and entrepreneurs!

■ HOW DO I REGISTER?

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After registering and just prior to the conference, you will receive further judge information for your review prior to arriving, along with more details about the day. Your registration as a judge includes your full registration to the conference. We invite you to join us for our workshops, general sessions, and other special activities!

