



2026-2027 Calendar

July 2026	
11-13	Emerging Leader Summit Tysons, VA deca.org/els
15-16	DECA Inc. Advisor Professional Learning Virtual
26	Advisor Bootcamp VAME Harrisonburg, VA
26-29	VAME Summer Conference Harrisonburg, VA
August 2026	
10-11	DECA Inc. New Advisor Basic Training Virtual
September 2026	
15	DLC Instructional Areas Announced
18	State Fair Competition Registration Due
18-19	Board of Trustees Meeting Richmond, VA
25-27	Camp DECA Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA
28-2	School-based Enterprise Week deca.org/sbeweek
30	DECA Day at State Fair Doswell, VA
30	Activate Your Chapter Incentive Deadline Link
October 2026	
1-2	School-based Enterprise Week continues SBE
2	SLC Housing Form and Statement of Compliance Due
15	The Ultimate DECA Power Trip Registration Due
15-18	DECA AMPED Advisor Professional Learning Conference
30	DECA Inc Executive Officer Interest Form Due
November 2026 DECA Month	
12	Virginia DECA Day
15	Initial Online Membership Roster Due deca.org/register
16-22	Global Entrepreneurship Week genglobal.org/gew
20-22	The Ultimate Power Trip Louisville, KY deca.org/power
December 2026	
1	SBE Certification Portal Opens
1	Chapter Campaigns+Membership Campaigns Due DECA
2	Sports + Entertainment Conference Registration Due
2-5	ACTE CareerTech VISION New Orleans, LA
4	VA DECA Blazer Challenge Deadline
4	VA DECA DAY Submission Due Online
4	Honor and Merit Applications Due
11	VA DECA Scholarship Applications Due
11	VA DECA State Officer Applications Due
18	Last Day of District Leadership Conferences
31	Membership Deadline - # of SLC Voting Delegates

January 2027	
5	Virginia DECA Diamond Fund - Form Due
11	DECA Inc. Student Scholarship Application Due
11-15	SLC Registration Week Link
14	School-based Enterprise Certification Due deca.org/sbe
15	VA DECA Membership Submitted / Paid SLC Eligibility
15	Individual SBE Certification Completed - SLC recognized
18-22	SLC Adjustment Week - Use Google Form to report errors.
20	VA DECA Diamond Fund Awards announced
20	DECA Inc. Advisor Scholarship Applications Due
20	Outstanding Advisor, Friend of DECA, Annual Report Due
22	SLC Registration Lock Date. No Changes & Refunds.
27-31	Sports & Entertainment Marketing Conference Orlando
29-30	SLC Planning Meeting Richmond, VA
February 2027 CTE MONTH	
1	Prepared Events Due Online
5	SLC Payment Due
8-12	SLC Testing Week
15	ICDC Competitors' Final Membership Eligibility
16-18	ICDC Pre-Registration for SBE, Academy, Virtual Events.
17-18	VA DECA Scholarship Finalist Interviews
26-28	State Leadership Conference VA Beach
28	ICDC Registration Opens
March 2027	
1-5	ICDC Registration Week
1	Advocacy Campaign Due DECA Inc. deca.org/campaigns
1	Executive Officer Applications Due to DECA Inc.
3	Deadline to Accept or Decline ICDC Spots
5	ICDC Registration Lock Date. No Changes / Refunds.
23	ICDC Qualifying Prepared Upload Submissions Open
23	ICDC Blazer Order Deadline shopdeca.org
30	ICDC Qualifying Prepared Upload Submissions Due
31	DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award Applications Due
31-1	Association Officer Training Sevierville, Tennessee
April 2027	
1	ICDC Payment Due
13	Association Officer Training Virtual
17-20	DECA ICDC Anaheim, CA deca.org/icdc
May 2027	
TBD	Board of Trustees Meeting

SLC Timeframe	
December 18	Last Day of DLC
January 11-15	SLC Registration Week. Registration will close at 11:59pm on January 15.
January 18-22	SLC Registration Adjustment Window. Advisors must submit the change form to adjust teams, leadership academy, and prepared events. Advisors will not be able to make their own corrections directly. This period is strictly for auditing and correcting legitimate errors; it is not an extension of general registration.
January 23	SLC Registration Lock Date No Changes Permitted. No refunds.
February 5	SLC Payment Due
February 26-28	State Leadership Conference
ICDC Timeframe	
February 16-18	ICDC Pre-Registration Window. Open from February 16 (8:00 AM) through February 18 (11:59 PM). Note: <i>This window is strictly for SBE, Virtual, and Academy spots only.</i>
March 1	ICDC registration opens up
March 3	Deadline to Accept or Decline ICDC Spots
March 5	ICDC Registration Lock Date. No Further Changes Permitted. No refunds.
March 15	Virginia DECA's Housing Rooming List and Deposit Due due to DECA Inc. & Hotel
April 1	ICDC Payment due
April 17-20	International Career Development Conference

March 1–3: Advisors must complete the ICDC Google Form to accept or decline all initial student spots.

March 1-4 (Rolling Bump-Ups): Rolling bump-ups begin in real-time starting Monday, March 1st. As soon as a student spot is declined, the next student is automatically advanced.

- **24-Hour Window:** Advisors have exactly 24 hours from the time of the bump to accept or decline before the system auto-declines and moves to the next person.
- **Friday Deadline: The bump-up process ends strictly on Friday, March 5th at 5:00 PM.** No bump-ups will occur over the weekend.