



APPLY TODAY

PURPOSE

The Virginia DECA Diamond Fund provides need-based financial support to help student members participate in the State Leadership Conference (SLC) and International Career Development Conference (ICDC). The program ensures every qualified member can experience DECA's state and international opportunities, regardless of financial barriers.



Important Deadlines

- SLC Application Due: January 5, 2027
- ICDC Applications: March 1, 2027
(Pending available funds after SLC)



VIRGINIA DECA DIAMOND FUND

Eligibility Criteria



Active Membership Paid member of local DECA chapter, VA DECA, and National DECA.



Conference Qualification Qualified to compete at SLC (State Leadership Conference) or ICDC (International Career Development Conference).



Financial Need Demonstrated through Free/Reduced Lunch status, or other verifiable hardship/extenuating circumstances.



Personal Effort Confirmed efforts to fundraise or personally contribute toward participation costs.

Application Process

1. Student Submission

- Submit student application online:

<https://bit.ly/DiamondFund2027>

2. Advisor Confirmation

- Complete the required Advisor Confirmation Form (See Advisor Portal).

3. Counselor Confirmation

- Complete the required Counselor Confirmation Form. (See Advisor Portal).

Award Determination

1. Committee Review

Every application is thoroughly evaluated by the Virginia DECA Diamond Fund Committee.

2. Priority Allocation

Priority is awarded to students with the highest demonstrated need and extenuating circumstances.

3. Tiered Lottery

If total funding requests exceed available capacity, a tiered lottery system distributes remaining awards fairly based on need and requested amounts.

Additional Information

- Communication and accountability via Google Form system
- Full conference registration payment required by deadlines, regardless of Diamond Fund status
- Reimbursement issued after conference, once all registration drops are confirmed

Questions?

Email StateAdvisor@vadeca.org