

FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America

State Website – www.wafbfa.org

Are you tired of the same old boring high school life style you have been trapped in? Well then, *FBLA* is just what the doctor ordered! Right now you're wondering why is *FBLA* such a great thing and how can it help my high school life? That is just so simple to answer. *FBLA* is the premier organization for students preparing for careers in business. It is the largest and oldest student business organization in the world with more than a quarter of a million members! *FBLA*, and its' collegiate partner Phi Beta Lambda, Inc., prepares students for 'real world' professional experiences. Members gain the competitive edge for college and career successes. As well as make tons of friends not only in the school but throughout the whole state! Also get to be a part of tons of great fun filled events all throughout the course of the whole year.

Mission Statement: The mission of Washington State Future Business Leaders of America is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Motto: The motto of Washington State Future Business Leaders of America is Service, Education, Progress. Our motto is the guide we use in turning our mission statement into reality.

FBLA will provide you with:

- ✓ Travel Opportunities
- ✓ Challenging Competitions
- ✓ Scholarships and Prizes
- ✓ Leadership Development
- ✓ Community Service Experience
- ✓ Friendship and Fun

FBLA takes you to major cities throughout the United States such as Orlando, FL; Nashville, TN; Dallas, TX; Chicago, IL and Denver, CO. You will get to know people in your state and across the nation at state and nationally sponsored events.

Members have the opportunity to compete for awards and recognition on the local, state, and national levels in more than 50 different categories including web page design, marketing, business plan, public speaking, job interview and much more. Two years, Freeman senior **Rebekah Stranberg** took first in state, traveled to Nashville, and earned the title of "National Champion" in Job Interview. This past year, **Cameron Moore** and **Isaac Hamilton** took second in state in Desktop Publishing. They traveled to Chicago and finished in the top 15 in the nation.

Become a leader in your school, state, or country when you become an officer. Win money! Travel! Learn to lead! Develop friendships! Earn recognition! Have a chance to win scholarships and money towards college. All of these adventures and more await you when you become a member of *FBLA*.

How To Join

It's too easy! The local, state and national organizations require total dues of \$25 to be paid before October 15. Simply bring a check (made out to FHS) or cash to the main office by October 15, take your receipt to Mr. Moore, and you're in! It's just that simple!

Past Activities:

In the past, your Freeman High School *FBLA* has been involved in a number of activities, including: Running the Dawghouse Espresso Stand; Organizing "Freeman Cares 4 Kids" daycare program; Working with the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery; Partnering up with Red Robin in the "Burgers with a Heart" campaign (2005-06 and 2006-07 "Spirit with a Heart" Champions); Attending the FSA food show; Working at the Santa Express; Going bowling and to movies together; going on Sonics Road Trip; working on various fundraisers to raise the necessary funds to attend local, state and national conventions. Also many other fun filled activities!

What does FBLA Offer Students?

- ✓ Career preparation opportunities through conferences, networking with business professionals, and business tours.
- ✓ Leadership development and achievement through a unique certificate program designed to enhance leadership, communication, and business skills.
- ✓ Outstanding Leadership Conferences in cities throughout the country with motivating workshops and nationally known keynote speakers.
- ✓ Challenging competitions in more than 40 different business and skills competitive events.
- ✓ Community service experience with organizations such as the March of Dimes, the Red Cross, etc... Freeman HS partners up with various organizations such as
✓ Vanessa Behan.
- ✓ Friendship and fun through local, state, and national activities.
- ✓ A magazine, published three times a year, designed specifically for FBLA

Professional Membership: Parents and community members are welcome to join FBLA as professional members. Your membership in Washington State Future Business Leaders of America means belonging the Professional Division of the premier youth leadership organization in the world. Our professional members take a front seat in helping student members achieve their goals and pursue business-related careers. Professional membership brochures are available from any FBLA member or from our advisor, Mr. Scott Moore.

For additional information regarding any aspect of FBLA, please contact Mr. Moore (291-3721 ext 201).