

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Thank you for allowing your child to join Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) that introduces students to the business world while cultivating their leadership skills. We compete in a variety of leadership and business-focused events, ranging from objective tests to role play presentations in front of judges. Each event provides students with the opportunity to explore their interests in a specific aspect of business in a thought-provoking way. Our organization competes at three distinct levels of competition throughout the year (district, state and national); each level focuses on testing how well prepared a student is in a specific subject area with the hope that the student will be able to learn and improve in preparation for the next. The key focus of each level is to provide students with the ability to showcase their knowledge in business as well learn real-life skills. Additionally, if a student does not qualify for the next level of competition, BAA awards provide students with the ability to still attend the next conference. Grandview FBLA also helps out the community in many ways. Our biggest community project last year was the Walk for Sudan, where Grandview FBLA raised funds for the Nuba Water Project. Major goals for our chapter this year include include earning a PEAK award, engaging in community service projects outside Grandview, and increasing our presence at the state and national level.

Since FBLA is a CTSO, there are associated fees. A \$15 fee covers a student's national-level affiliation. Alongside the national dues, district dues also exist in order to provide space, lunch, and workshops for the student; they are \$30 this year, and this payment is needed if your student plans on competing at the district level in February. The total payment for the becoming a member within the organization as well as the district competition is \$45. If paying by check, please make it out to Grandview High School FBLA.

If your student performs well at the district competition, there is an opportunity for them to advance to the state, and possibly nationals, competition as well. The state competition is April 23 - 25 at the Gaylord of the Rockies Resort & Convention Center. The national competition is in Salt Lake City, UT this year. While the total cost of each of these trips is dependent on how many students qualify for each, historically the state competition costs \$350-\$450/student and the national competition costs \$1300-\$1700/student. Unfortunately the turnaround time between each event does not allow for a lot of flexibility with payments but we will make every effort to get you pricing information for each as soon as we have it. Likewise, we would like to make sure everyone is aware that any deposit received for any competition is non-refundable.

We look forward to working with your student this coming year!

Sincerely,
Will Baird and Ann Lujan

Student's Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

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