

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Washington DECA Business Leadership Council (BLC). The mission of the BLC is to support the organization by providing assistance with event organization, competition preparation, mentoring and student mentorship.

# **Applicants should be:**

- Passionate about Washington DECA and advancing the mission of the organization.
- Willing to share your knowledge and passion with others in the organization.
- Willing to sit on a committee for one of Washington DECA's major fundraising or conference events.
- Available to volunteer 20 hours annually (5 hours each quarter)
- Willing to give \$1,000 annually in monetary support (includes personal giving and donations from friends and business associates within the context of fundraising for Washington DECA).

#### Who we're looking for

The ideal candidate for the BLC is a working professional who has access to a network of other professionals (i.e., through work at a corporation, civic organizations, etc.), as well as experience in DECA. Those with experience forming a professionals group and/or recruiting are highly encouraged to apply. Candidates should be a registered Washington DECA member and comfortable working with peers via teleconferences and email.

#### What we offer

Serving on the BLC is an opportunity to build a unique skill set, strategize for the world's largest cocurricular student organization, and network with fellow leaders and senior management of Washington DECA. Members of the Council lead and partner with staff on developing and implementing strategic priorities that leverage fellow professionals across the state. You will work side-by-side with a dynamic group of professionals who are passionate about DECA and dedicated to the mission of the organization.

# Time commitment

All members will serve a two-year term and are expected to bring enthusiasm, dedication, and creativity to the role. Membership on the BLC requires self-directed initiative and the ability to collaborate with peers remotely, participate in bi-monthly meetings, and attend Washington DECA conferences once or twice a year. Members should be confident when speaking publicly and willing to share their Washington DECA story with others.

## **Business Leadership Council application instructions**

If you are interested in serving on the Business Leadership Council, please submit a cover letter and resume to Eliza Webb at <a href="mailto:eliza@wadeca.org">eliza@wadeca.org</a>. Selected applicants will be offered telephone interviews.

#### Your cover letter should address

- Why you want to serve on the Business Leadership Council.
- The unique skills and experiences you have that would make you an asset to the Business Leadership Council.
- Your Washington DECA experience, if applicable.
- How you envision increasing engagement in Washington DECA. Discuss specific tools or strategies you might suggest, given your experience with other organizations.

## Your resume should include

- Your name, preferred address, phone number, and email address.
- Work history, volunteer experience, education, and DECA volunteer experience.
- You may also include any awards or honors received.