

# National FBLA Events

**Overview:** These events have no regional or state components. Competitors are competing at the national level only.

Event	Individual or Team	Fall Challenge	Spring Challenge	Year-Long Challenge	Registration Required?
<b>Life Smarts</b>	Team of 2	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
<b>Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Excel</b>	Individual	-	-	Yes	Yes
<b>Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Word</b>	Individual	-	-	Yes	Yes
<b>Virtual Business Management Challenge</b>	Team of 2 or 3	Yes	Yes	-	Yes

Event Name	Type of Event	Specific Guidelines
<b>Life Smarts</b>	Team of 2	<p>This event challenges students to integrate multiple areas of business knowledge and skills, using critical-thinking skills and teamwork during competition. Student teams will compete online during the fall and spring competitions. Teams will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register online</li> <li>• Compete individually, with both team members completing a 60-question quiz across all LifeSmarts topic areas</li> <li>• Demonstrate leadership by completing a team personal finance assessment</li> <li>• Complete a team consumer assessment</li> <li>• Receive a cumulative score after completing all activities</li> <li>• Be ranked against other participating FBLA teams</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall Competition:</b> October 19, 2015 – November 13, 2015  <b>Spring Competition:</b> February 1, 2016 – February 26, 2016</p>
<b>Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Excel -- New!</b>	Individual	<p>Students will take the MOS Excel 2013 Core exam at their schools or at test centers. FBLA student members must register as a Certiport Testing Candidate and take a Qualifying MOS Certification Exam to participate in the new Microsoft Office Specialist events. Students may take the test at the local level more than once. The top four participants scoring the highest and having the least time from each state in each exam are eligible for national competition.</p>
<b>Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Word -- New!</b>	Individual	<p>Students will take the MOS Word 2013 Core exam at their schools or at test centers. FBLA student members must register as a Certiport Testing Candidate and take a Qualifying MOS Certification Exam to participate in the new Microsoft Office Specialist events. Students may take the test at the local level more than once. The top four participants scoring the highest and having the least time from each state in each exam are eligible for national competition.</p>
<b>Virtual Business Management Challenge</b>	Individual or Team of 2 or 3 Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web-based Virtual Business Management 3.0 simulation.</li> <li>• Test skills at managing a bike manufacturing business individually or as a team.</li> <li>• Event covers curriculum in the areas of Introduction to Business, Information Technology, and Management as students manage a simulated business.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall Competition:</b> October 19, 2015 – November 13, 2015  <b>Spring Competition:</b> February 1, 2016 – February 26, 2016</p>

# LifeSmarts

## Team Event

**THERE IS NO RLC OR SLC COUNTERPART FOR THIS EVENT.**

FBLA LifeSmarts is sponsored by the LifeSmarts program of the National Consumers League, and the competition is modeled after the LifeSmarts consumer education competition available free of charge to schools across the country through [www.lifesmarts.org](http://www.lifesmarts.org). LifeSmarts focuses on personal finance, consumer rights and responsibilities, technology, the environment, and health and safety. Teams compete online and in live national competition. This event challenges students to integrate multiple areas of business knowledge and skills, using critical-thinking skills and teamwork during competition. Student teams will compete online during the fall and spring competitions. Teams will:

- Register a team of two (2) members online
- Compete individually, with both team members completing a 60-question quiz across all LifeSmarts topic areas
- Demonstrate leadership by completing a team personal finance assessment
- Complete a team consumer assessment
- Receive a cumulative score after completing all activities
- Be ranked against other participating FBLA teams

### Regulations

- *Refer to National Competitive Event Guidelines for description and procedures. FBLA Advisers will also desire to review event materials directly with LifeSmarts online at <http://www.lifesmarts.org/coaches/new-coaches-fbla/>.*

### Eligibility

During the school year, schools may participate in both the fall and spring online LifeSmarts Competition. Teams are made up of two (2) members from active local chapters, on record in the national center as having paid dues by March 1 of the current school year. A team member cannot be on more than one team. Teams may compete in both the fall and spring competitions, and more than one (1) team may compete per chapter. Team members cannot be changed once a team has registered.

### Judging

The top twelve (12) nationally ranked teams from each FBLA LifeSmarts Competition—both fall and spring but no more than one (1) per state, per challenge—are eligible to compete at NLC. These twenty-four (24) teams are determined by the standings in the fall and spring FBLA LifeSmarts Competition, which is administered via the Internet during the school year.