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What Are The BAAs and CSAs?

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State Reporter

Welcome to the world of Business Achievement Awards and Community Service Awards better known as the BAAs and CSAs. These programs are available to all FBLA members. They help members to grow and learn more about being a leader. You can sign up for these events through your adviser! There are 4 levels of the BAAs. As you complete each level, your adviser can submit them and you earn a certificate and pin! The CSAs work the same way! The CSAs consist of 4 levels. Same rules apply, as you complete these hours your adviser can submit them!

The BAAs and CSAs, however, do come with a deadline. For the BAAs, the first 3 levels have a deadline of March 1. As for the last level, America, the deadline is April 25. For the CSAs the first three levels have a deadline of March 1. As for the last level, Achievement, the deadline is April 30.

The BAAs have 4 levels, Future, Business, Leader, and America. For the Future and Business level you are recognized by your chapter. With completion of the Leader level, you will be recognized at SLC. For the America level you will receive recognition at the NLC. The CSAs have 3 levels, Community, Service, and Achievement. For the Community and Service levels you are recognized by your chapter. For the Service level you are recognized at the SLC. For the Achievement level you are recognized at the NLC.

The BAAs and CSAs are a great way to become and work on being a leader. They teach you valuable tasks. The activities are easy and climb in difficulty as you level up. Don't be surprised if you've already completed half the things in each level!

Try something new this year and start your BAAs and CSAs!

What more information? Contact one of your state officers today or go to www.fbla-pbl.org

Get to Know Your

2015 - 2016 Virginia State Officer Team

Ryan Apigian

Position: President
High School: Robinson Secondary School
Region: Northern Virginia Region
Hobbies/Activities: Crew Rowing

Miranda Bolt

Position: Vice President at Large
High School: Floyd High School
Region: VWCC Region
Hobbies/Activities: Dance

Sean Howard

Position: Secretary/Treasurer
High School: Riverbend High School
Region: Germanna Region
Hobbies/Activities: Hanging out with friends

Camber Thornhill

Position: Reporter
High School: Giles High School
Region: New River Region
Hobbies/Activities: Softball and Outdoor Activities

Monica Wuhrer

Position: Corresponding Secretary
High School: Robinson Secondary School
Region: Northern Virginia Region
Hobbies/Activities: Drawing

Sarah Patton

Position: Vice President Representing the VSU Region
High School: Matoaco High School
Region: VSU Region
Hobbies/Activities: Watching Youtube

Kareena Oner

Position: Vice President Representing the Northern Virginia Region
High School: Robinson Secondary School
Region: Northern Virginia Region
Hobbies/Activities: Writing

Katherine Vaughn

Position: Vice President Representing the Germanna Region

High School: Brentsville District High School

Region: Germanna Region

Hobbies/Activities: Riding Horses

Halley Stapleton

Position: Vice President Representing the UVA College at Wise Region

High School: Virginia High School

Region: UVA College at Wise Region

Hobbies/Activities: Spending time at the beach

Nathan Salomonsky

Position: Vice President Representing the Longwood Region

High School: Powhatan High School

Region: Longwood Region

Hobbies/Activities: Golf and FBLA

Olivia Kinser

Position: Vice President Representing the New River Region

High School: Tazewell High School

Region: New River Region

Hobbies/Activities: Band

Christopher Emodi

Position: Vice President Representing the Tidewater Region

High School: Landstown High School

Region: Tidewater Region

Hobbies/Activities: Anything with his friends

Willow Pederson

Position: Vice President Representing the Capitol Region

High School: West Point High School

Region: Capitol Region

Hobbies/Activities: Chorus

Cana Curtis

Position: Vice President Representing the Shenandoah Region

High School: Sherando High School

Region: Shenandoah Region

Hobbies/Activities: Arcade

Tara Purdy

Position: Vice President Representing the Colonial Region

High School: Gloucester High School

Region: Colonial Region

Hobbies/Activities: Being with friends

Rachel McDaniel

Position: Vice President Representing the VWCC Region

High School: Floyd High School

Region: VWCC Region

Hobbies/Activities: Soccer and Playing Music

Service, Education, Progress

Written By:

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State Secretary-Treasurer

Service, education, and progress are fundamental values to not only the Business Achievement Award program (BAA), but also the mission of FBLA. The BAA program fosters growth in each participant's leadership skills, is influenced by current business practices and corporate needs, and integrates with classroom activities and FBLA-PBL goals. These objectives are obtained through completed activities in the areas of service, education, and progress. Each level of the BAA program includes activities from these three areas.

Activities pertaining to service involve improving the member's school, area businesses, community, and/or state. With each increasing level of this award, the impact is greater. Upon completing the Business Achievement Award program, members will understand the connection between a community and the success of a business. Activities pertaining to education include studies and curriculums that prepare the student for corporate America, entrepreneurship, and continuing education. Members who choose to finish the program will be more prepared for their future because they will have gained a better understanding of business as well as

the world or work. Finally, the topic of progress is addressed through activities that promote FBLA at local, regional, state, and national levels. FBLA operates on the communication between each level, and upon completion, members will better understand the different levels of the organization as well as how they complement one another.

The Business Achievement Award program functions on a specific set of values that better each member's understanding of FBLA and the business world. If you are interested in starting the Future level of the BAA, you should contact your chapter adviser so that they may enroll you in the program and you can start bringing business and education together.



Virginia FBLA Social Media Buzz Squad

The Virginia Social Media Buzz Team is a group of 6 State Officers.

Ryan Apigian (State President)

Monica Wuhler (State Corresponding Secretary)

Kareena Oner (State VP Representing NOVA)

Nathan Salomonsky (State VP Representing Longwood)

Camber Thornhill (State Reporter)

Halley Stapleton (State VP Representing UVa's College at Wise)

Stay in contact and keep up to date with information from your state team!



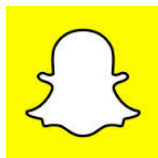
@Virginia Future Business Leaders of America FBLA



@VAFBLAPBL



@VAFBLA



The Social Media Buzz Squad is currently in progress to obtain a Snapchat and a Wufoo account for continuous involvement with all Virginia members!
Stay tuned for more information!



Benefits of BAA

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Vice President Representing the VSU Region

Business Achievement Awards not only benefit each FBLA region, they also help individual members attain a sense of what the club is really about. The BAA program incorporates service, education, and progress. Each one of these elements helps each and every member learn the important skills needed for the future while becoming even more involved at the local level then building up to the state and national levels.

The service piece of the BAAs offers an opportunity to help the community surrounding FBLA members. Members and advisers see firsthand how important business is to success. For example, if your chapter chooses to fundraise; professional skills are utilized to create a working business to support the community. Service helps create a sense of unity among student members working together for a common goal while understanding how to be a leader in a business setting.

Where would we be without education? Through the Business Achievement Awards, members can learn how business and education are tied together. By testing your knowledge about FBLA for the Future Award or applying for your dream job in the Business Award, participating in the BAAs allows creativity while seeing how business skills are vital to success.

Progression is always a good goal to have and the BAAs benefit FBLA chapters and members from the local to national levels. FBLA is constantly growing and always strives to be better. Something as simple as making a fun recruitment brochure for your local chapter can boost membership and help create a network of FBLA members all over the nation, starting at the local level. Getting more members, striving to be better, and seeing how the local, national, and state levels are interconnected allows FBLA members and chapters to set goals to grow and acquire new networking skills.

Information on Each Level

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Vice President representing UVA-Wise

The FBLA Business Achievement Awards is a leadership development program for high school students. This program helps students with Career and FBLA goals. The BAA program helps students grow as leaders and become more involved with their community, school, and FBLA chapter. Advisers guide their members through each level. Students work at their own pace through this program to complete the projects and tasks in each of the four levels.

The four levels consist of Future, Business, Leader, and America. Each level adds on to projects completed in the previous levels. Students are recognized for each level they complete. The BAA Future level must be completed first; it focuses on business skills, community service, and local level involvement. Business is the next level students complete; it highlights regional and state FBLA involvement, higher level business skills, and leadership in the community. The Future and Business Levels are recognized at a Regional Conference. Leader is the third level; it promotes involvement with regional, state, and national levels, offers advanced leadership skills development, and helps students become community leaders. Once a student com-

pletes the Leader level, he or she will be recognized at the State Leadership Conference. The deadline for the first three levels is March 1. America is the final BAA level; it helps students perfect skills learned in the previous levels. The deadline for this BAA level is April 25. Students who complete America will be recognized at the National Leadership Conference.

The FBLA Community Service Awards recognize members for their outstanding community service achievements. Chapter Advisers must register their members for this program. The three levels of this program are based on the number of cumulative hours a member has provided to their community. The first level is Community; the student must have at least 50 service hours. Once a student has completed Community level, they are eligible for the CSA Service level. The Service level requires 200 community service hours. The first two levels must be completed by March 1. The final CSA level is Achievement which requires 500 community service hours. Achievement awards must be submitted by April 30. All members are encouraged to participate in these programs to become more involved with FBLA and it is an easy way to get recognized for hard work most students already do.