CMG SECTION E - Individual Recognition

## **VA DECA merit AWARD**

Virginia DECA is comprised of many outstanding members who deserve recognition. The Merit Award recognizes outstanding participation and leadership in Virginia DECA. Eligibility is based on meeting the guidelines below. There is no limit to the number of members from your chapter who can qualify for this recognition.

Qualified members will be recognized in the program for the upcoming State Leadership conference. Students do not have to attend SLC to participate. Merit Award certificates will be inserted into the recipient school’s SLC folder and may be picked up with registration materials. Students will be given a Merit Award ribbon to wear on the SLC name badge.

#### Guidelines

To receive a Virginia DECA Merit Award, a member must:

Complete at least two years of Marketing or be a graduating senior in Marketing

 Have been involved in at least four of the following DECA activities:

* DECA Offices Held
* Fall Leadership Conference or Officer Training Event
* Virginia DECA Day
* Membership Development
* Chapter Activities Program
* Community Service Project
* DECA Direct Article
* Competitive Events (DLC or ICDC)
* Annual report (any activity)
* Other activity participation not listed above

An online application must be completed indicating a minimum of four DECA activities and giving a detailed description of the participation.

The student must prepare a 300-500 word, typed essay on the topic given on the online application.

Essays must be received as **one pdf file** uploaded with the student applicationno later than the date specified on the calendar.

An advisor verification form must be submitted electronically, signed by the advisor.

Applicants do not have to attend the State Leadership Conference to qualify for the Merit Award.

Students application and upload link: <https://vadeca.wufoo.com/forms/va-deca-merit-award/>

Advisor Verification Form: **Be sure your advisor knows that you are submitting a Merit Award Application and completes the Advisor Verification.**

All applications and verification forms are due by the date on the calendar. ONLY students who appear on the Advisor Verification will be considered for this award.