



2025 “OF THE YEAR” APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Selection for all awards will be made by a committee formed by the California DECA Board of Directors and California DECA State Staff. The committee will base its determination for each award based on the information submitted with the nomination form as well as the contributions of each applicant to DECA during the year.

Deadline: January 30, 2025

Application: californiadeca.org/oftheyear

Review the application before beginning to ensure you have all relevant information necessary to complete the application. Applications are only able to be submitted once fully completed.

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

The California DECA Advisor of the Year Award may be awarded to any California DECA advisor with an active DECA chapter in good standing who has aided significantly in the development and/or progress of DECA and DECA members.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

The California DECA Alumni of the Year Award may be awarded to any DECA alumni who has accomplished some significant achievement during the year since the last State Conference and/or who has aided significantly in the development and/or progress of DECA and DECA members.

BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR

The California DECA Businessperson of the Year Award may be awarded to any businessperson who has made a significant positive impact in the business community and who has aided significantly in the development and/or progress of DECA and DECA members.

PARENT OF THE YEAR

The California DECA Parent of the Year Award may be awarded to any parent or guardian of a current DECA Member who has contributed time or resources during the year since the last State Conference and/or who has aided significantly in the development and/or progress of DECA and DECA members.

CHAPTER LEADER OF THE YEAR

The California DECA Student of the Year Award may be awarded to any California DECA Student who is a member of an active DECA chapter in good standing. Each chapter may select and nominate one member who has displayed a dedication to at least one of DECA's values: Competence, Innovation, Integrity, or Teamwork. Nominees will be recognized on-stage at the State Career Development Conference and receive a California DECA Chapter Leader of the Year lapel pin.