

# FORM B – EMERGING LEADER SERIES APPLICATION

Students may attend ICDC in one of two capacities: (1) as a competitor or (2) as a participant in the Emerging Leader Series. Chapters must submit an application for any student who wishes to be considered for the Emerging Leader Series. Space in this program is extremely limited, and only students with submitted applications will be considered. Because the number of available leadership allocations is very small, the selection process will be competitive, and most applicants will not be selected.

Please note, this form is not required if your chapter has guaranteed leadership slots as a Gold Level Chapter Awards Program Chapter (up to 2 slots) or if your chapter earned THRIVE Academy slots through the DECA Inc chapter campaigns (up to 2 slots per Thrive level). If either scenario applies to you, those names should be indicated on Form A.

If a student is outside of the automatic qualifying spots in competition and really wants to attend ICDC but is not sure if they will bump up in competition you need to complete and submit an Emerging Leader Series Application for that student. If they bump up in competition the assumption is that they prefer competition over the Emerging Leader Series, and we will automatically place them in competition. If they do not bump up in competition their application will be considered, and allocation spots will be selected and filled based on the overall impression of the application. As a reminder, Emerging Leader Series slots are limited.

California DECA finds a candid evaluation helpful in choosing from among a highly qualified pool of applicants for the limited Emerging Leader Series allocations that are available at ICDC. We will work to ensure equal representation among all chapters. Be prepared to provide a brief statement in support of each applicant (no more than 300 words). This will be submitted in the online form via the link below.

**Deadline:** March 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

**Application Submission Site:** [californiadeca.org/form-b](https://californiadeca.org/form-b)

Learn more about the Emerging Leader Series: <https://www.deca.org/emergingleaders>