

Projecting a professional image in the workplace is vital for business leaders. It demonstrates seriousness of purpose and respect for clients, colleagues, and others. As Future Business Leaders of America who seek to lead and serve others, participants will dress in business attire and uphold the professional image of the association. Appropriate professional attire is required in all conference areas for all attendees—advisers, members, and guests—at all general sessions, competitive events, exhibits, regional meetings, workshops, and other activities unless otherwise indicated.

Conference name badges are part of the Dress Code and must be worn for all conference functions. For safety reasons, do not wear conference badges outside of the conference area. The Dress Code is gender-neutral.



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

Business Suit

- Suit pants and jacket
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt with tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Blazer

- Dress pants (or) skirt
- Blazer
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt with tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Dress

- A business dress
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Other Professional

- Dress pants (or) skirt
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt with tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

BUSINESS CASUAL

- Dress pants, skirt, (or) khakis
- Blouse, collared dress shirt, (or) polo shirt
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

NOTE: Business Casual is only available during sessions specifically noted in conference materials and is NOT appropriate for competitive events.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS



The following items are prohibited in all conference areas, including competitive events.

- ⊘ Denim or flannel clothing
- ⊘ Shorts
- ⊘ Athletic clothing
- ⊘ Leggings or graphically designed hosiery/tights
- ⊘ Skintight or revealing clothing, including tank tops, spaghetti straps, and mini/short skirts or dresses more than 1" above the knee
- ⊘ Swimwear
- ⊘ Flip flops or casual sandals
- ⊘ Athletic shoes
- ⊘ Industrial work shoes
- ⊘ Hiking boots
- ⊘ Hats
- ⊘ Graphically printed clothing

No dress code can cover all contingencies, so FBLA members must use a certain amount of judgment in their choice of clothing to wear. Members who experience uncertainty about unacceptable attire should ask their local adviser, state leader, or conference staff.

FBLA recognizes that exceptions may need to be made and will work with advisers on a case-by-case basis to accommodate requests. Advisers should indicate the need for exceptions on the special accommodation portion of the registration form. Requests made after registration closes must be made in writing.