



## Application for the Receipt of DECAid

DECAid is a self-supported financial aid system under the regulation of Massachusetts DECA. To be eligible for the receipt of DECAid funds a student must be a member of the student's chapter, the Chartered Association of Massachusetts DECA, and International DECA as well as have qualified to compete at the State Career Development Conference. Applicants should be as thorough and as truthful as possible in their applications. DECAid awards are granted by the State Advisor only and recipients will be notified of amount received after the submission deadline.

### **Eligibility for receipt of DECAid funds shall be based upon the following:**

1. Thorough evidence that displays the student has attempted to fundraise for his/herself such as logged hours at fundraisers, letter(s) from employer(s), etc.
2. A Letter of Confirmation from the student's chapter advisor stating that the student has attempted to fundraise for him/herself.
3. A Letter of Confirmation from a school administrator and/or guidance counselor confirming the student's need for DECAid funding.
4. The student must **indicate** how much money he/she anticipates contributing on his/her own accord toward paying for their attendance at the State Career Development Conference from fundraising and moneys earned through employment.
5. The student must write an essay of no longer than 500 words based upon the following question:  
*Why are you eligible for DECAid and why do you deserve to receive aid?*

Upon receipt of the above materials, the State Advisor shall determine eligibility for receipt of DECAid funds. If an excessive amount of applications are received, then those students deemed eligible shall be placed into a tiered lottery system, to be governed by the volume of applications and aid requested, to determine the amount of funding received. Full payment is expected for all participants by the set registration due date, regardless of DECAid status. DECAid refunds are issued after the conference once all drops have been reviewed.