



## New York State Future Business Leaders of America Dress Code

FBLA and Middle Level members and advisers should develop an awareness of the image one's appearance projects. The purpose of the dress code is to uphold the professional image of the association and its members and to prepare students for the business world. Appropriate attire is required for ALL attendees, at all conference functions, including meals, unless otherwise stated. Conference name badges and SLC bracelets are part of this dress code and must be worn at all conference functions. For safety reasons, do not wear name badges when touring outside the conference facility.

### **ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE FOR OFFICIAL FBLA ACTIVITIES:**

- Business suit with:
  - o Blouse
  - o Collared dress shirt and necktie or bowtie
- Dress pants or skirt with:
  - o Blouse
  - o Collared dress shirt and necktie or bowtie
- Business dress
- Blazer/sport jacket with dress pants and:
  - o Blouse
  - o Collared dress shirt and necktie or bowtie
- Dress shoes/dress boots
- Belt or suspenders are to be worn unless there are no belt loops on the pants
- Banded collar shirt may be worn ONLY if sport coat or business suit is worn
- Dress shoes and socks
- Capris or gauchos with coordinating jacket/suit, worn BELOW the knee

### **INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE INCLUDES:**

- Jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears
- Denim or chambray fabric of any kinds, overalls, shorts, skirts, stretch or stirrup pants, exercise or bike shorts
- Backless, see-through, tight fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, or low cut blouses/tops/dresses/skirts or any other garment with a low neckline.
- Skirts & Dresses that are more than approximately 2 inches ABOVE the knee
- T-Shirts, Lycra, spandex, midriff tops, tank tops, and bathing suits
- Sandals, athletic Shoes, industrial work shoes, hiking boots, bare feet or over the knee boots.
- Athletic wear, including sneakers
- Hats or flannel fabric clothing
- Bolo ties
- Visible foundation garments

**Clarification:** Many women's two piece suits are currently designed so that they do not require a blouse. Therefore, this will be accepted. In addition, sling back shoes, open toe shoes and sleeveless dresses are accepted.

Casual Attire is acceptable for some dances. Casual attire includes jeans, shorts (no more than 4 inches above the knee), nice t-shirts or denim/chambray shirts, sneakers or sandals. (Not Allowed are Lycra, spandex, midriff tops, pajamas, bathing suits). If there is doubt, select something else to wear. Be a professional.

A delegate must wear footwear in all public areas during non-conference FBLA activities (no socks or barefeet).

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