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Dear Smithville School Board Members:

The Smithville FBLA student organization is requesting permission to attend the 2025 National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. We had 13 team members compete at the state leadership conference April 13-15, 2025 in Springfield, MO. State Results: Ellie Hirner & Isabella Monachello qualified for Nationals in Business Management. The National Leadership conference will be held in Anaheim California, June 29 - July 2, 2025.

If any of the top 4 PSA teams in state can not attend then, Lilly Eastep, Skylar Finch, and McKinley Massie will also be competing at NLC. SHS could have up to 5 students participating at NLC. I will not know the final total head count until April 28th, 2025. As that is the state deadline for teams to accept the invite and attend NLC.

With your approval, the FBLA NLC team will be departing June 29th and returning on July 3rd, 2025. Both Ellie Hirner and Isabella Monachello families will be traveling to Anaheim, California with our team.

### Financial Costs

- \$195 - NLC Registration (student/member)
- \$125 - NLC Registration (advisers/guests)
- \$330 - Lodging - one room/one night
  - Includes MO FBLA shirt, trading pins and glow item
- \$800 (approx; pending selections by chapter) – Airfare & Hotel Transportation
  - A travel package is available from EXP Trips for \$1235.
- Meals - Determined by chapter

Estimated Cost: 4 nights at 330/night = Girls share 1 room or members stay in a hotel with their families. Final Totals: 1800 for registration and hotel for both Ellie Hirner and Isabella Monachello. I will have a parent meeting. I am holding a parent meeting April 30th to communicate deadlines, itineraries, and confirm parents are responsible for airfare.

FBLA has launched a new sponsorship program to seek out local businesses sponsorship and help offset team expenses. The Smithville Chamber of Commerce will be sharing out in their latest newsletter. Thank you for your consideration in granting this high-achieving team the



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opportunity to participate in this next level of competition. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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