

# Dress Code

Oregon DECA is devoted to:

- preparing future leaders in the study of marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

Part of this preparation is the student and advisor participation in the Oregon DECA Dress Code for *all* DECA sponsored events. Why?

- DECA members are often in the public eye.
- The image that is projected by the DECA member creates a credible impression about Oregon DECA but more importantly on the DECA member.
- Members must maintain Oregon DECA's reputation of professionalism so we can best showcase what DECA does for students.

Due to the changing times of fashion and the dictates of the fashion world, the Board of Advisors has developed the following guidelines detailing appropriate attire at the State Career Development Conference:

**Oregon DECA relies on the *chapter advisor* to communicate dress guidelines to student members. Failure to be dressed appropriately may disqualify an individual from participation in a conference activity.**

## Professional Attire

Professional attire is to be worn during all competitive event activities (including testing), the Recognition Awards Session and the Grand Awards Session. For the opening session only, chapter attire is appropriate. Chapter attire may consist of chapter/school sweatshirts, polo shirts, T-shirts and/or spirit items, but no jeans will be allowed.

**Females:** Dress slacks, skirt, coordinated shirt/blouse, dress shoes. Appropriate hosiery is recommended. A dress suit or a DECA blazer is always appropriate.

Shorts are not considered professional attire; however, some professional outfits have "skorts" or shorts that look like a skirt. If a member chooses to wear these, dress shoes (not tennis shoes) must be worn.

**Males:** Dress slacks, dress shirt (which does not include polo shirts), dress shoes and socks, sweater and/or sport coat. Tie is recommended. A dress suit or DECA blazer is always appropriate.

**Please Note:** Tuesday's Grand Awards Session is traditionally considered a formal event. Formal to semi-formal attire is the norm, however business attire is also very suitable.

## Casual Attire

Casual attire may be worn by a delegate to specified activities (i.e., dances), and when **NOT** attending, participating in, or in the area of a conference activity or function.

**Females:** Slacks, dressy stretch pants (not lycra), nice jeans (no tears, rips, holes, etc.), dressy-type shorts (as long or longer than a person's finger tips when arms are extended at side), sport shirt, or DECA and/or school related T-shirt. No overalls, halter tops, or sweats.

**Males:** Slacks, cords, nice jeans (no tears, rips holes, etc.), dressy-type shorts (as long or longer than a person's finger tips when arms are extended at side), sport shirt, or DECA and/or school related T-shirt. No overalls or sweats.