**YOUNG LEADER AWARD – MIDDLE LEVEL - *STATE AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION***

*The Young Leader Award recognizes members with extraordinary commitment to leadership and community service. Members must have achieved at least the LEAD Explore level to be eligible for this award. Each state may nominate one member as entry to represent them at the NLC for this award.*

*This event is NOT a competitive event. An applicant may participate in Young Leader Award and one competitive event.*

**Eligibility**

There is no limit to the number of entries a chapter may submit in this event. Membership in an active chapter must be on record in the national center as having paid dues by February 15 of the current school year. Only members enrolled in the Middle Level of the current school year are eligible. **Nominees must attend the state conference.**

**STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN A COMPETITIVE EVENT IN ADDITION TO YOUNG LEADER AWARD.**

**Submit the following: (all documents must be scanned into a single PDF file and uploaded)**

1. Resume reflecting participation in FBLA activities
2. One (1) letter of recommendation from local chapter adviser
3. One (1) letter of recommendation from local school administrator
4. Photograph (preferably a headshot in professional attire)
5. **Documentation of completion of the “Explore” level of the LEAD program.**
6. A PDF copy of the documents must be uploaded as an asset to Blue Panda SLC registration site no later than the registration materials deadline. Format and link to upload file:
7. **Name the PDF document**:  Event - Last Name - First Name – School
8. **Documents must be scanned to a single PDF file and uploaded to** Blue Panda as an asset by the registration deadline.

**Criteria for selection of nominees must include:**

1. Years of participation in FBLA activities
2. Extent of participation in conferences sponsored by the state chapter and national association
3. Offices, chairpersons, and committee memberships held
4. Contributions to local, state, and national projects
5. Participation in other activities
6. Recommendations supportive of the member’s involvement in FBLA
7. **Complete the “Explore” level of the LEAD program**.

**State Awards**

One entry will be recognized from each district and one overall entry will be recognized as Alabama's Young Leader.

**National Awards**

Alabama’s Young Leader will be eligible to attend and represent Alabama FBLA at the NLC for this award.

**DUE: MARCH 12, 2024**