



WRITTEN EVENT STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Research and report writing are important elements of modern business activities. Great care must be taken to assure that the highest ethical standards are maintained by those engaging in research and report writing. To reinforce the importance of these standards, all written entries in DECA's Competitive Events Program must submit this statement as part of the entry. The statement **must** be signed by the DECA member(s) and the chapter advisor.

I understand the following requirements are set forth by DECA Inc. for all Competitive Event entries containing a written component. These requirements are additional to the general rules and regulations published by DECA Inc. By signing this statement, I certify that all are true and accurate as they relate to this entry.

1. The contents of this entry are the results of my work or, in the case of a team project, the work of current members of this DECA chapter.
2. No part of this entry has previously been entered in competition.
3. This entry has not been submitted in another DECA competitive event.
4. Credit for all secondary research has been given to the original author through the project's bibliography, footnotes or endnotes.
5. All activities or original research procedures described in this entry are accurate depictions of my efforts or, in the case of team projects, the efforts of my team.
6. All activities or original research described in this entry took place between the 2020 Chartered Association Career Development Conference and the 2021 Chartered Association Career Development Conference.
7. I understand that DECA has the right to publish all or part of this entry. Should DECA elect to publish the entire entry, I will receive an honorarium from DECA. Chapters or individuals with extenuating circumstances may appeal the right to publish the entry to the executive committee of the board of directors prior to April 1.

This statement of assurances must be signed by all participants and the chapter advisor, and submitted with the entry, or the entry will be given 15 penalty points. Hole punch and place in front of the written entry. Do not count as a page.

_____ Participant's Signature	_____ Participant's Signature	_____ Participant's Signature
_____ Participant's Name	_____ Participant's Name	_____ Participant's Name
_____ Competitive Event	_____ School	_____ Chartered Association (State/Province)

To the best of my knowledge, I verify that the above statements are true and that the student's (students') work does not constitute plagiarism.

_____ Chapter Advisor's Name	_____ Chapter Advisor's Signature
_____ Chapter Advisor's Email	



DECA MONTANA SCDC PENALTY POINT CHECKLIST

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	CHECKED	PENALTY POINTS ASSESSED	PAGE NUMBER
1. The Written Statement of Assurances and Academic Integrity must be signed by all participants and the chapter advisor and placed in front of the written entry.	_____	15	_____
2. Entries must be submitted without sheet protectors, and not bound. Project should be single sided, and stapled in the upper left hand corner.	_____	15	_____
3. Sheet protectors may not be used.	_____	5	_____
4. Limited to the number of pages specified in the guidelines (plus the title page and the table of contents).	_____	5 (per page)	_____
5. All pages are numbered in sequence starting with the executive summary and ending with the final page of the appendix. Do not use separate sheets between sections or as title pages for sections.	_____	5	_____
6. Entry must be typed. Handwritten corrections, notes, charts and graphs will be penalized.	_____	5	_____
7. Paper is 8½ inches x 11 inches. No fold-outs, attachments or tabs used.	_____	5	_____
8. The written entry follows the outline in the Written Entry Guidelines for the event. Additional subsections are permitted in the body of the written entry.	_____	5	_____
9. Written entry must be printed single-sided.	_____	5	_____

TOTAL PENALTY POINTS ASSESSED _____

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A circled number indicates that an infraction has been noted.
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