



Today's students.
Tomorrow's business professionals.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Business Professionals of America, complete and return to the contact or location indicated.

Name _____

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Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____

Program _____

Grade/Semester _____

Comments _____

Information about the local chapter:



Want to know more?

For further membership information, assistance in organizing a chapter, leadership development, publications, and support materials, contact:
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Who can join?

Business Professionals of America is for any student who is enrolled in a business, office, or business education course or program in a secondary, middle level, or post-secondary institution. Chapters are located in high schools, middle schools, area career/technical schools, post-secondary technical institutes, junior and community colleges, colleges, and universities.

What is the purpose?

The purpose of Business Professionals of America is to prepare students for the business workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills. By integrating its programs into the business classroom, BPA builds leadership, professionalism, poise, dependability, patriotism, and competency into business students.

Involvement as an active BPA member will be one of the most rewarding aspects of any business education program. Through this involvement, lasting relationships will be developed with community business circles, and members will be given exposure to potential new employers. Opportunities for having fun, visiting new exciting places, experiencing new activities, and growing both personally and professionally is what BPA is all about.

What do members do?

- Members learn how to work effectively with others and to take advantage of every opportunity to learn and understand the needs of employers.
- Members demonstrate occupational and leadership skills in the Workplace Skills Assessment Program contests.

- Members prepare for their roles as citizens through leadership development, activities, workshops, and conferences.
- Members serve their community by helping the underprivileged, ill, orphaned, elderly, mentally disabled, and unfortunate.

How can you become involved?

Business Professionals of America provides recognition of individual members and chapters for involvement in a variety of programs designed to develop personal, leadership, business, and office skills.

Workplace Skills Assessment Program
The program measures business and office skills, leadership abilities, and/or chapter team efforts. Contests are offered on the regional, state, and national level.

Conferences

State and National Leadership Conference participation is a highlight experience for members including leadership development, travel, contests, sightseeing, making new friends, networking, and running for office.

Special Recognition Awards

There are 14 Special Recognition Awards designed to provide individual or chapter recognition. Recognition is awarded at the National Leadership Conference. Here are just a few:

Torch Awards Program. This is a four-level personal achievement program (Executive, Diplomat, Statesman, and Ambassador). Members are recognized for their involvement in community service and many BPA-related activities on the local, state, and national level.

Air Force Recruiting Salute Award. This is the highest honor a Secondary or Associate Division chapter can receive. This award is presented by the U.S. Air Force to the chapter who has met specific criteria.

Community Action. This award encourages members to become involved in the betterment of their community.

Entrepreneurship Exploration. This individual recognition award is provided for learning about the role of the business owner in our free enterprise system.

Special Olympics. Chapters are encouraged to assist in this national service project. Financial support or personal assistance is offered to support the participation of the mentally challenged athlete.

Sample occupations for which members are training:

Accountant
Administrative Assistant
Administrator
Business Owner
Communications Specialist
Computer Analyst
Computer Programmer
Data Communications Technician
Data Entry Operator
Hotel Manager
Legal Assistant
Medical Assistant
Office Manager
Network Administrator
Public Relations Specialist
Word Processing Specialist