



LifeSmarts

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2021 National LifeSmarts Championship Wild Card Bid Process

The Wild Card bid process provides an opportunity for new teams to be invited to compete in the 2021 National LifeSmarts Championship and contend for scholarships and prizes.

Bid Procedures:

Quiz

- Teams will work together on the Wild Card TeamSmarts quiz, available in the team captain's portal. Teams are also encouraged to complete Varsity topic and team quizzes.

Presentation

- Teams will design an educational PowerPoint or Prezi on an important LifeSmarts topic. Past entries have included teen driving, vaping, recycling, online safety, etc.
- The PowerPoint or Prezi will include no more than 8 educational slides plus a reference slide for a total of 9 slides. The PowerPoint or Prezi *may* include a short embedded video. Audio voice over is also allowed. Due to size, the presentation may be saved as an mp4 video file if necessary. Allowed file extensions are: pptx, pptm, ppt, pdf, and mp4.
- Cite examples describing why the topic is significant. It can be related to your local community or have nationwide importance.
- Before uploading, please be sure the file name includes your team or school name and your state. (E.g. WonderHSVarsity_MD).

Coach Endorsement

- This is the coach's opportunity to tell us how LifeSmarts impacts their classroom, club, or community. Tell us about your team and how they would benefit from participating in the National LifeSmarts Championship. Limited to two pages.

Demographics

- Coaches will provide demographics on the school, chapter or club as well as the community as part of the online application.

Eligibility

Teams that can apply this year:

- New teams that have never competed at Nationals. (including Skills USA and HOSA teams)

- FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams.
- Teams that placed 2nd in their state competition.
- Wild Card teams from 2019, who were not attending Nationals in 2020, are eligible to apply for a Wild Card bid for the 2021 National LifeSmarts Championship.

Teams that cannot apply this year:

- Any team that was planning to compete at 2020 Nationals including Wild Card teams.
- *Exception:* A team from the same school or club with NO returning members. Teams that were planning to compete at the 2020 Nationals must win their state competition to return UNLESS all 4-5 team members are new.
- Two teams from the same local/county school, club or organization cannot compete in the same national LifeSmarts championship the same year. (We know we may have two teams from a school or organization at the 2020 and 2021 Double National Championship and that will be allowed this year, but a student may compete on only ONE team.)

Deadlines

- FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams must submit all application materials by January 31, 2021.
- Varsity teams can apply on a rolling basis until March 1, 2021.
- Second place teams have one week after their state competition is held to submit an application, but they must submit by March 1, 2021, if that is first.

Other requirements

- One spot each will be reserved for FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams.
- A team cannot be the state winning team AND a wild card team. If a team is selected as a Wild Card bid winner and subsequently wins their state title, they must decline the Wild Card invitation so that another team can be invited to attend Nationals.
- Teams can submit a Wild Card application while competing for their state title.
- Wild Card teams are eligible for travel stipends.

Scoring

Presentation (70 points)	LifeSmarts Participation (30 points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student presentation (45 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz score (10 points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach endorsement (25 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and previous participation in LifeSmarts (10 points)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School / community demographics (10 points)

Submit your Wild Card bid here by the deadline: lifesmarts.org/wild-cards

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