



2022 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 2022 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. The quiz will be available December 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022 for BPA, FCCLA, FBLA, 4-H and SkillsUSA teams and December 1, 2021 – March 1, 2022 for all other eligible Varsity teams.

Presentation

- Teams will design an educational PowerPoint or Prezi on one of the following LifeSmarts topics: Any of the Facebook Digital Citizenship and well-being pillars; OTC Medicine Safety; Avoiding Food Waste; Buying your first used car; Post-secondary education; Teen budgeting; Teens and taxes; Teens consumerism; Teens and sleep; Emerging technology and teens; Cybersecurity; Protecting coral reefs/the environment; Teenage health/nutrition; Retirement planning; Be safe, buy real; Smart homes, businesses, or spaces; Workforce preparation and career planning.
- The PowerPoint or Prezi will include no more than 8 educational slides plus a reference slide for a total of 9 slides. It *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 chosen 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 750 words.

Demographics

- Coaches will provide demographics about 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
- BPA, FCCLA, FBLA, 4-H and SkillsUSA teams.
- Teams that placed 2nd in their state competition.

- All varsity level teams - Since no teams were able to travel the past two years, all teams who were selected as Wild Card Team winners in either 2020 or 2021, and participated in the 2020 and 2021 Virtual National LifeSmarts Championships, are eligible to apply for a Wild Card bid for the 2022 National LifeSmarts Championship. These teams must submit a new application and a new PowerPoint or Prezi entry.

Teams that cannot apply this year:

- Two teams from the same local/county school, club or organization cannot compete in the National LifeSmarts Championship the same year.
- Contact the LifeSmarts staff with questions or for clarification.

Deadlines

- BPA, FCCLA, FBLA, 4-H and SkillsUSA teams submit all application materials by January 31, 2022.
- Varsity teams submit all application materials by March 1, 2022.
- Second place teams have one week after their state competition is held to submit an application, but they must submit by March 1, 2022, if that is first.

Other information

- One spot each will be reserved for BPA, FCCLA, FBLA, 4-H and SkillsUSA teams. If there are no qualified applicants from a partner organization, the Wild Card spot may be awarded to a team from another youth organization with multiple qualified applicants.
- 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.
- Successful Wild Card teams will be required to complete community service projects to receive their full travel stipends.
- BPA, FCCLA, FBLA, 4-H and SkillsUSA teams not selected in the initial judging round will be reconsidered in the Varsity judging round.

Scoring – 100 Points

Presentation (70 points)	LifeSmarts Participation (30 points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student presentation (45 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Checked for spelling & punctuation ◦ Does not use copyrighted characters or photographs ◦ Topic and originality of presentation 	<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

Questions? Contact Cheryl Varnadoe at cherylv@nlcnet.org.