



NCDC Competitive Events 2026 Update September 2, 2025

This update provides a snapshot of exciting changes to the National Career Development Conference (NCDC) competitive events. While this document highlights key updates, it is not exhaustive. For a comprehensive overview, please download the full Competitive Handbook from the NCDC website at www.jag.org/ncdc. Additionally, the Competitive Events Headquarters and Submission Site located at <https://tinyurl.com/JAG-HUB-CE-Board> serves as your one-stop shop for detailed information, resources, and guidance on participating in these events. Remember to check the website regularly, as important updates will be posted throughout the year.

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Eligibility Reminders:**
 1. States may send 1st–3rd place CDC winners.
 2. Voting Delegates and Officer Candidates may not compete.
 3. Career Association members may enter only one event.
- **On Stage Recognition:** We will continue providing time and space for student voices on stage. See the guidelines to best understand which events are eligible for On Stage Recognition.
- **Submission Process Upgrade:** We will continue to accept submissions through the JAG Hub (formerly Headrush). Please reach out if you have any questions about how to submit student work and be sure to review the resources available at <https://tinyurl.com/JAG-HUB-CE-Board>.
- **Registration and Submission Deadline:** Please note the registration and submission deadline remains **March 15th** for the National Career Development Conference and all future years.

NEW EVENTS for 2026

We are thrilled to introduce two new events to the 2026 Career Development Conference:

- **Financial Budget Presentation:** This event will provide participants with an opportunity to demonstrate their financial literacy and budgeting skills. There are templates available for Middle School, Career Track, and College-Vocational-Military Bound.
- **JAG Promo Video:** Participants will have the chance to showcase their creativity and storytelling abilities by creating engaging promotional videos for **JAG Affiliates**. Only one Promo Video entry per state will be allowed.

SPECIFIC EVENT UPDATES

- **Digital Outstanding Chapter:** Chapters that earn recognition will be invited to present their Digital Books in the Expo Hall. **Exact presentation times will be shared in the weeks leading up to the event.**
- **Knowledge Bowl:** We've made the decision to enforce that Knowledge Bowl

teams consist of **4 team members**.

- **Financial Literacy Exam:** We are making a concerted effort to ensure more questions are calculator based and involve more complex mathematics.