

# Business Professionals of America

## State Leadership Conference



Attention State Officer Candidates! We need your applications in by January 27<sup>th</sup>, and that date is closing in fast! We can't wait to meet you and cheer you on. There is still time to send in an application if you're thinking about running for office. You can be a part of the 2012 Iowa team!



Are you ready for the State Leadership Conference in Des Moines, IA? It's coming! This year it's going to be two days long on the last week of February; Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Monday will be filled with competitions, but that night we're going to have a dance and karaoke to reward you for all your hard work!

Tuesday, let the elections begin! State officer candidates will be introduced, voted upon, and installed into office that very day. So get ready to meet and greet with next year's potential officers.

Will you be one of them?



This year everyone will be free to eat with their chapters as we will not be having any planned meals. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are on your own, and you can go wherever your heart desires!

Have you been collecting your spare change? We're going to be doing the Miracle Minute once again! You will have only 60 seconds to get your chapter's money into the jar. Which chapter will give the most?



## Torch Awards

Given at the state level, the Statesman Torch Award requires 50 points in each Torch category. A Statesman is defined as "one who is a leader in the promotion of the public good and in national affairs." Have you submitted your Torch Awards Resume yet? Well if you haven't, go online now to <http://www.bpa.org/awards/torch> and fill one out! They are due February 11<sup>th</sup> before noon. Be careful and double check your work before sending it in, because if there are any grammar or spelling errors, the submission will be thrown out. (That's what Microsoft Word's spelling and grammar check is for isn't it?) Having someone proofread your paper is also a great help.

Remember, you have until February 11<sup>th</sup>. It's right around the corner, but will give you plenty of time to send in a great looking submission!



*Nationals will be in Chicago*



Just a friendly reminder that we have the opportunity to go to the great city of Chicago for our National Leadership Conference this April!

The keynote speaker is going to be Eddie Slowikowski; a world-class runner and now an internationally known speaker. Plus, who can't wait to see all the amazing attractions there? They have museums, theaters, aquariums, planetariums, Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower), and so much more! Get packing!