



Southern Association of Student Councils Comprehensive Awards Program



Entry Instructions

Please read the instructions carefully and completely. Use only the forms provided. Using forms associated with award programs from previous years may result in disqualification of your entries. **The advisor of the school submitting an entry may be required to be a project judge.**

Purpose: In order to meet several worthy objectives, the Southern Association of Student Councils sponsors a comprehensive awards program for its member schools on an annual basis.

Objectives: To provide lasting incentive for councils to strive toward excellence in programming throughout the year. To emphasize areas of concern to councils in the region and to suggest programs in pursuit of solutions to problems within those common areas. To recognize and reward councils as well as individuals who achieve excellence in execution of relevant student council programs.

Awards: In pursuit of the objectives listed above, award program entries are brought or submitted to the SASC Conference by member schools for judging. Presentations to the winning entries are made during the conference. Competition takes place in the following areas:

- ◆ Outstanding Project (in each of 16 priority areas)
- ◆ Advisor of the Year
- ◆ Council Member of the Year (in senior and junior divisions)
- ◆ Public Speaking (in Senior and Junior divisions)
- ◆ Poster Contest
- ◆ Photography Contest

Entry Rules:

1. Entries for the Advisor of the Year, Middle and Senior High Member of the Year, Speech, Photography, and Poster Contest are to be turned in by the end of registration at the conference. Entries for the Outstanding Projects are to be turned in at registration. **Schools are asked to complete a Comprehensive Awards Summary form to turn in when submitting your contest forms and entries at registration. (See website)**
2. A school may **enter up to five (5) priority areas** of the Outstanding Project Competition. **No more than ONE project may be entered per category; the same project may NOT be entered in more than ONE category.** Projects are eligible only if they were completed since the previous year's conference and if the same project has not won best project in either of the two previous years in that category. If your council wishes to include pictures as part of the explanation of your project entry, pictures may be scanned or securely attached onto the entry form. The entry is still limited to the space allotted on the form with the pictures in that space.
3. **Entries MUST be submitted on official entry forms. These forms can be downloaded from the SASC website at www.southernstuco.org**

4. A First, Second, and Third Place Award or a Certificate will be awarded to those projects which place.
5. Senior and Junior Divisions are available only for Member of the Year and the Public Speaking competitions. **Senior Division is defined as entries from grades 10-12. Junior Division is defined as entries from grades 6-9.**
6. Any entry not prepared according to the rules will be disqualified. The decision of the judges is final. All awards will be presented at a general session of the annual conference.
7. Winning entries will be summarized and published on the website in the annual conference report.

Judging: Judging of the Awards Competition will take place at the SASC Conference each year. Each priority area and contest will have a separate judging panel selected by the SASC Executive Director or the SASC Assistant Advisor. Any school submitting an entry must provide an advisor to judge if asked to do so.

Priority Areas for Outstanding Projects (any project completed between November, 2019 through October, 2021)

1. **Academic Incentive Projects**--category includes projects such as scholarships; awards programs or special recognitions honoring academic achievers; awards banquets/breakfasts; quiz and academic bowls; SAT/ACT score recognitions; Academic Hall of Fame; honor rolls, etc.
2. **Best Junior High/Middle Level Projects**—category includes ONLY projects submitted by junior high schools or middle level schools.
3. **Citizenship and Patriotism Projects**—category includes projects such as voter registration; 9/11 Remembrances; Veterans' Day activities; recognition/care packages for troops; "Mayor for a Day" programs; civic leadership training.
4. **Print Media Projects**—category includes projects such as newsletters; fliers; brochures; posters; signage; pamphlets; creative publicity; bulletin boards; etc. **The Project must include who the target audience is that is impacted by these projects. For example, the Student Body, the Faculty, the Membership, Community, Parents, other schools, the Administration, etc.**
5. **Community Service Fundraising Projects**—category includes projects that raise money that is donated to charities and/or community organizations—i.e. Projects that donate funds to specific charities such as Make-A-Wish, the Red Cross, the United Way, etc.; projects that send money for disaster relief; projects that supply money to buy goods/services that help people in need, etc.
6. **Community Service Outreach Projects**—category includes projects in which your council performs a service for an organization or a group—i.e. hosting a prom for senior citizens; hosting a party for a daycare center; sponsoring a food drive, coat drive; school supply drive, etc. and donating the goods to an organization or charity; sponsoring a blood drive; having council members volunteer to help in a Special Olympics event; having council members participate in a Make-A-Wish wish-granting ceremony; Relay for Life event, etc.

7. **Environmental Awareness Projects**—category includes projects that are designed to increase awareness of environmental issues in the school or community; “eco-friendly” or “green” projects; recycling programs; etc.
8. **Fundraising Projects**—category includes projects that raise money to be used specifically for your council’s budget; funds used to carry out your own council’s activities (excluding funds donated to charities and community organizations)
9. **Homecoming Projects**—category includes projects associated with the celebration of Homecoming. This includes projects both at school and in the community.
10. **Leadership Outreach/Mentoring Projects**—category includes projects that focus on training, mentoring, tutoring groups outside your council—i.e. Adopt an Elementary-School programs; leadership training in elementary or middle schools or within your own school but outside your council; celebrating reading with elementary classes; middle school/high school task forces; peer tutoring programs; assisting other schools in establishing student councils; mentoring/tutoring students in association with an established program such as the Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs or Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc.
11. **Membership Motivation and Development Projects**—category includes projects related to the recruitment and training of your council’s members such as retreats; planning sessions; leadership skills training programs for council members; awards programs that recognize efforts of council members; celebrations that focus on your council’s successes; etc.
12. **School Family Relations Projects**—category includes projects associated with the faculty, administration, support staff, parent groups, clubs and classes within the school, etc.
13. **School Service Projects**—category includes projects that benefit the school such as campus beautification, purchase of equipment, handbooks, career seminars, college days, career days, etc.
14. **School Spirit Projects**—category includes projects designed to build pride and spirit within the school
15. **Student Support Projects**—category includes projects that emphasize awareness of invisible or exceptional students; education in areas such as teenage pregnancy prevention, suicide prevention, alcohol and drug use/abuse prevention; anti-violence campaigns; anti-bullying campaigns, etc.
16. **Technology Projects**—category includes projects such as webpage designs; power point presentations; closed circuit TV programs; slide shows; videos; DVD’s; CD’s; and other projects that are geared specifically for communication from the student council. **A video/dvd or website link and a hard copy MUST accompany this entry.**

Advisor of the Year

1. Any advisor who has not previously received this award may be entered as a candidate.
2. A separate entry form is provided for this category.
3. A designated STUDENT (who is NOT a workshop presenter) must be interviewed in support of the entry.

Council Member of the Year—Senior and Junior Divisions

1. The nominated member must be a delegate to the SASC Conference.
2. A separate entry form is provided for each division in this category.
3. A designated ADVISOR (who is NOT a workshop presenter) will be interviewed in support of the entry.

Public Speaking Awards

1. **Two public speaking awards are given at the conference.**
The Senior Division Award will be given for entries from students in grades 10-12;
The Junior Division Award will be given for entries from students in grades 6-9.
2. **Each member school in attendance at the conference may enter one student in the grade-appropriate division. Separate entry forms are provided.**
3. **The entry form and a typed copy of the speech must be submitted at the time of registration.**
4. **Contestants are to give a 4-5 minute prepared speech on the CONFERENCE THEME. Speeches must be memorized to qualify for awards. There will be a penalty given for speeches that exceed the time limit.**
5. **Spectators are not allowed during the judging.**
6. **Speech contestants cannot serve as workshop presenters.**
7. **The first place winner in each division will deliver his/her speech during the awards presentation ceremony. Contestants should bring dress clothes so that they will be prepared to appear on stage if they win.**

Photography Contest

The photography contest has two divisions:

Division A-photos that are submitted without any computer enhancement or altering

Division B-photos that are submitted with enhancements and alterations.

Guidelines

- Photographs should be centered around this theme:
Service...the High Note of Leadership
- Photographs **MUST** be 8 x 10 inches in size
- Photograph must be matted, but **NOT** put in a frame
- Photograph may be in color or black and white
- Photograph must be the student's original work
- Only one photograph per division is allowed per school
- Judging: creativity of theme (40%), visual appeal (40%), photographic worth (20%)
- Permission must be obtained from parents of any person included in the picture who is under the age of 18
- The photographer's name, school, state, and the division(A or B) must be written on the top, left side **BACK** of the picture
- The Photograph **MUST** be turned in when you go through the registration process
- **A completed photo entry form must be turned in along with the photograph**

SASC POSTER CONTEST:

1. The Poster **MUST** reflect the Conference theme and your State.
2. Poster should be made or cut from poster, "22x28" only, in either colored or white poster board, NO foam core type posters.
3. Poster can be cut in ANY shape
4. Decorate as desired, making sure all three dimensional items, if used, are securely attached. The use of three dimensional items is optional.
5. Only one poster per school may be entered.
6. The artist's name, school, and state **MUST** be printed on the upper left hand side on **BACK of the Poster!**
7. Judging will be based on originality of theme (30%); creativity (30%); neatness (15%); visual appeal (25%).
8. The poster **MUST** be turned in when you go through the registration process
9. **A completed poster entry form must be turned in along with the poster**

Any questions about contests should be sent to
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