

Nebraska Association of Student Councils Outstanding Middle Level Student Council Award Application

SCHOOL:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

ZIP:



Signature of Sponsor/Advisor

Signature of President

Signature of Administrator

NOTE TO APPLICANT:

The purpose of the OUTSTANDING STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD is to give student councils praise and recognition for school involvement at the local, state, and national level. Those councils recognized as outstanding have well-rounded programs, are active on the local, state, and national levels, and have displayed exemplary leadership in their schools. Application for this award should be viewed as self-evaluative. Nebraska Association of Student Councils (NASC) encourages all schools to apply for this state recognition. If you have any questions, call Mike Musil at (402)540-8492 or e-mail him at mmusil@lps.org.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Any middle level student council that is a member of NASC may complete and submit an OUTSTANDING MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD application to the NASC Executive Board.

The NASC Executive Board will appoint a recognition committee to evaluate the OUTSTANDING MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD applications.

*In order to receive **gold** recognition, a school must earn **200 points or above***

*In order to receive **silver** recognition, a school must earn **175-199 points***

*In order to receive **bronze** recognition, a school must earn **150-174 points***

. Schools will be awarded an engraved plate at NASC State Convention.

WHEN TO SUBMIT APPLICATION:

The application is to be submitted by October 1. The application is based on the time period from August 15 to August 15, the school year prior to the convention.

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Nominations must be postmarked by October 1. No exceptions! If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mike Musil at (402)436-1305 or mmusil@lps.org.

HOW TO COMPLETE APPLICATION:

Fill in the information on the ENTRY FORM.

Fill in the points on both the CRITERIA RATING FORM and the TALLY PAGE.

Student Councils wishing to apply for this award might want to appoint either a committee or an individual within the council to work on the application and keep it current throughout the year.

The application is divided into three parts:

ENTRY FORM: asks for routine information about the composition and operation of the council.

CRITERIA RATING FORM: provides a basis for developing an evaluation of your council.

When completing this section, fill in the possible points you receive from each completed activity in the blank next to the activity and briefly supply the information requested in the space provided. For example if you've presented and discussed as a student council your objectives for last year, place 10 points next to that item on the form. (See item C.)

TALLY PAGE: summary of points earned and recorded on the Criteria Rating Form. When completing this section, place the earned points in the appropriate blanks and provide a point total.

ENTRY FORM

1. Name of School:
2. Grades levels represented by the elected council:
3. Description of the council:
 - A. Size of council:
 - B. Number of officers:
 - C. Number of sponsors/advisors:
4. Composition of the council
 - A. Explain how council members are elected/selected:
 - B. List officer positions and explain how council officers are elected/selected:
5. Council meeting dates:
 - A. Regular general meetings of entire council:
 - B. Executive Board or officer meetings:

CRITERIA RATING FORM

Note: Points are to be awarded only to projects receiving a YES answer. Since this is a self-evaluative application, award an appropriate number of points that reflects your efforts and the success of the project. Please type this application (with the exception of the points awarded which may be written in). Feel free to use more space than that provided below.

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
I. OBJECTIVES		
A. State your general objectives as a council	15	_____
B. Do you have a written constitution? YES (award points)_____ NO_____ (do not award points)	5	_____
C. State your specific goals for the past year.	20	_____
D. Identify which goals you achieved and how you achieved them. (If you achieved all your goals, award yourself all 50 points.)	50	_____

II. PROJECTS

All project listed in A-L must be completed projects. All projects must affect persons other than elected student council members/officers.

NOTE: Points are to be awarded only to projects receiving a YES answer. Since this is a self-evaluative application, award an appropriate number of points that reflects your efforts and the success of the project. If you successfully implemented at least one project, it is appropriate to award full points. Feel free to use more space than that provided below. No one project can receive dual points. (If a project meets several objectives, use it where it would be most appropriate.)

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
A. Did you have a project to promote SCHOOL SPIRIT and/or GOOD SPORTSPERSONSHIP? YES_____ NO_____ How many projects?_____	20	_____
Briefly describe the project:		
B. Did you have an EDUCATIONAL PROJECT? YES_____ NO_____ How many projects?_____	20	_____
Briefly describe the project:		
C. Did you have a HEALTH, SAFETY and/or DRUG AWARENESS PROJECT? YES_____ NO_____ How many projects?_____	20	_____
Briefly describe the project:		
D. Did you have a LEADERSHIP PROJECT and/or a project to RECOGNIZE STAFF MEMBERS IN YOUR BUILDING? YES_____ NO_____ How many projects?_____	20	_____
Briefly describe the project:		

E. Did you have a FUNDRAISING PROJECT?
YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe the project: _____

G. Did you have a COMMUNITY or SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT?
YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe the project: _____

Did your council contribute to the state charity?

YES _____ NO _____ 10 _____

Did your council participate in the state service project?

YES _____ NO _____ 10 _____

H. Did you have a SOCIAL or RECREATIONAL PROJECT?
YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe the project: _____

I. Did your council sponsor a project to promote involvement in school activities?
YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe the project: _____

K. Does a member(s) of your council serve on a community youth advisory board? (ex. Mayor's Youth Commission, Special Olympics Advisory Board, etc.)
YES _____ NO _____ 10 _____

L. BONUS: Did you have more than one project in some areas A-J above? Award an additional 5 points for every additional activity you had above.

YES _____ NO _____ Total number of additional projects _____ x 05 points _____

Briefly describe each additional project (use additional paper if needed): _____

III. STUDENT COUNCIL OPERATION

A. AGENDA. Attach a copy of the agenda for two meetings. 20 (5 pts./agenda) _____

B. MINUTES. Attach a copy of the minutes from two meetings. 20 (5 pts./minutes) _____

C. EVALUATIONS. Does your council do a formal self-evaluation of itself and its projects?
YES _____ NO _____ 20 _____

Explain: _____

OR

IF NO FORMAL SELF-EVALUATION, is there a formal evaluation of the council and its

projects conducted by someone else?

YES___ NO___

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Explain: _____

IV. DISTRICT PARTICIPATION

A. Did your school attend a District Workshop/Convention this year?

YES___ NO___

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Where _____ Date _____

B. Did your student council HOST/ORGANIZE a District Leadership Conference or another type of leadership conference? YES___ NO___

Date _____ Number of Schools Attending _____

Date _____ Number of Schools Attending _____

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C. Did a member(s) of your council hold a district office?

YES___ NO___

10 (per office)

Student name _____ Office _____

V. STATE PARTICIPATION

A. Did anyone from your student council attend the NASC State Convention last fall?

YES___ NO___

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How many attended? _____

B. Did a member(s) of your student council serve as a Middle Level State Executive Board position during the past year?

(YES___ NO___)

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Student name _____ Office _____

Did a member(s) of your student council run for but not be elected to a Middle Level State Executive Board position during the past year?

YES___ NO___

5

Student name _____ Office _____

E. Did any members of your student council attend JAM (Junior and Middle Level Leadership Workshop) last year?

YES___ NO___ (Award 10 points per JAM attendee.) 10x _____

F. Did your student council have a one day workshop through NASC during the past year?

YES___ NO___

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G. Did officers attend a NASC officer training workshop during the past year? (Ex. LEARN, NASC training)

YES___ NO___

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VI. NATIONAL PARTICIPATION

A. Was your student council a member of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC)?

YES___ NO___

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B. Did anyone from your student council attend the NASC National Conference last summer?

YES___ NO___ (Award 10 points per attendee.) 10

C. Did a member(s) of your student council hold a National Executive Board position during the past year?

YES___ NO___

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Student name _____ Office _____

Did a member(s) from your student council run for but not be elected to a National Executive Board position during the past year?

YES___ NO___

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Student name _____ Office _____

- D. Did anyone from your student council attend a LEAD conference during the past year?
YES___ NO___(Award 10 points per attendee.) 10 _____
- F. Did the student council advisor serve on the NASC National Board?
YES___ NO___ 10 _____
- G. Did anyone from your student council present a mini-session at a LEAD or National Conference during the past year?
YES___ NO___(Award 10 points per session presented) 10 _____

VII. SPONSOR/ADVISOR PARTICIPATION

- A. Did the advisor serve on the NASC executive board?
YES___ NO___ 10 _____
In what capacity?
- B. Did the advisor attend the national convention?
YES___ NO___ 10 _____

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE PARTICIPATION

- A. Do students meet with administrators for approval of events?
YES___ NO___ 10 _____
- B. Do student council members participate in school committees? (ex. School Board, School Improvement Team, etc.)
YES___ NO___ 10 _____

TALLY PAGE

I.	STUDENT COUNCIL OBJECTIVES		
A.	General Objectives	15	_____
B.	Stated in constitution	05	_____
C.	Specific Objectives	20	_____
D.	Goal Achievement	50	_____
II.	PROJECTS		
A.	School Spirit/Sportspersonship	20	_____
B.	Educational Project	20	_____
C.	Health/Safety or Drug Awareness	20	_____
D.	Leadership/Staff Recognition	20	_____
E.	Fundraising	20	_____
F.	Publicity	20	_____
G.	Community or School Service	40	_____
H.	Social or Recreational	20	_____
I.	Activity Awareness	20	_____
J.	Student Council Exchange	?	_____
K.	Youth Advisory Board	20	_____
L.	Bonus	?	_____
III.	STUDENT COUNCIL OPERATION		
A.	Agendas	20	_____
B.	Minutes	20	_____
C.	Evaluations	20	_____
IV.	DISTRICT PARTICIPATION		
A.	District Workshop	30	_____
B.	Host/organize Leadership Conference	50	_____
C.	District Office	?	_____
V.	STATE PARTICIPATION		
A.	NASC State Convention	30	_____
B.	State Executive Board	?	_____
C.	State President	20	_____
D.	Host State Convention	100	_____
E.	Summer Leadership Workshop	?	_____
F.	One Day Workshop	10	_____
G.	Officer Training Workshop	10	_____
VI.	NATIONAL PARTICIPATION		
A.	NASC National Member	20	_____
B.	National Conference	?	_____
C.	NASC National Board	?	_____
D.	LEAD Conference	?	_____
E.	Advisor on NASC National Board	10	_____
F.	Presenter at a conference	?	_____
VII.	SPONSOR/ADVISOR PARTICIPATION		
A.	NASC Executive Board	10	_____
B.	Advisor attend Nationals	10	_____
VIII.	ADMINISTRATIVE PARTICIPATION		
A.	Administrative approval	10	_____
B.	School Board Meetings	10	_____
C.	School Committees	10	_____
TOTAL SCORE			_____

School:

Person(s) Submitting Entry:

Title(s):

Principal:

Please, give us your feedback!

This application was revised in 2010. We will take your comments and revise again when necessary, hoping to make the application user friendly and to encourage more schools to complete it.

Please list any comments or suggestions below. If you noticed errors, also include those. Please include page numbers where you are giving feedback from. Your feedback will in no way affect your application. Thank you!

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