

Outstanding 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 Kati Settles at (402)829-4600 or e-mail her at ksettles@paplv.esu3.org.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

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

The NASC Executive Board will appoint a recognition committee to evaluate the OUTSTANDING STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD applications. In order to receive gold recognition, a school must earn 600 points or above, silver recognition 500-599, and bronze recognition 400-499. 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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NASC Executive Director
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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:

Please type out the APPLICATION carefully, being sure to include attachments where they are needed. Fill in the points on both the ENTRY 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 this 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	15	_____
B. Are your general objectives written in your constitution? YES (award points)_____ NO_____ (do not award points)	05	_____
C. State your specific goals for the current 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 (except Leadership Projects in D below) 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 each project:		
B. Did you have an EDUCATIONAL PROJECT? YES_____ NO_____ How many projects?_____	20	_____
Briefly describe each project:		
C. Did you have a HEALTH, SAFETY and/or DRUG AWARENESS PROJECT? YES_____ NO_____ How many projects?_____	20	_____
Briefly describe each 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 each project:

E. Did you have a FUNDRAISING PROJECT'?

YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe each project:

F. Did your Student Council regularly work with local media outlets for PUBLICITY of school events or issues?

YES _____ NO _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe each project:

G. Did you have a COMMUNITY or SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT? (This may include the state service project and state charity.)

YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe each project:

H. Did you have a SOCIAL or RECREATIONAL PROJECT?

YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe each project:

I. Did your council sponsor a project to publicize NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK in October, NASC'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WEEK in April, OR did you participate in any such activity to publicize involvement in high school activities?

YES _____ NO _____ How many projects? _____ 20 _____

Briefly describe each project:

J. Did your student council participate in a Student Council Exchange with another school?

YES ___ NO ___

School _____ Month _____ 10 _____

School _____ Month _____ 10 _____

School _____ Month _____ 10 _____

School _____ Month _____ 10 _____

K. 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 _____

III. STUDENT COUNCIL OPERATION

A. AGENDA. Attach a copy of the agenda for SIX different meetings. State below who is given a copy, who prepares the agenda, and how well it is followed in a meeting. 18 (3 pts./agenda) _____

B. MINUTES. Attach a copy of the minutes from SIX meetings. State below when read, if posted, and how students hear about it. 18 (3 pts./minutes) _____

C. EVALUATIONS. Does your council do a formal self-evaluation of itself and its projects? Explain: 20 _____

OR

IF NO FORMAL SELF-EVALUATION, is there a formal evaluation of the council and its projects conducted by someone else? YES____ NO____ 20 _____

Explain:

IV. DISTRICT PARTICIPATION

A. Did your school attend a District Workshop/Convention this year? YES____ NO____ 30 _____

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_____

50 _____

C. Did a member(s) of your council hold a district office? YES____ NO____ 10 (per office) _____

Student name_____ Office_____

Student name_____ Office_____

V. STATE PARTICIPATION

A. Was your student council a member of the Nebraska Association of Student Councils (NASC)? YES____ NO____ 20 _____

B. Did anyone from your student council attend the NASC State Convention last fall? YES____ NO____ 30 _____

How many attended?_____

C. Did a member(s) of your student council hold a State Executive Board position during the past year? (This includes state officers, District Presidents, and State Convention Chairs.)

YES____ NO____ 10 _____

Student name_____ Office_____

D. Award an additional 20 points if a student from your Student Council was State President. _____

E. Did your school host the NASC State Convention last year?

- YES___ NO___ 100 _____
- F. Did any members of your student council attend Summer Leadership Workshop last year?
YES___ NO___ (Award 10 points per attendee.) 10 _____
- G. Did your student council have a one day workshop through NASC during the past year?
YES___ NO___ 10 _____
- H. Did officers attend a NASC officer training workshop during the past year?
YES___ NO___ 10 _____

VI. NATIONAL PARTICIPATION

- A. Was your student council a member of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC)?
YES___ NO___ 20 _____
- 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___ 10 _____

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 _____
- E. Did your student council host a LEAD or National Conference during the past year?
YES___ NO___ 200 _____
- 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?

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE PARTICIPATION

- A. Do students meet with administrators for approval of events?
YES___ NO___ 10 _____
- B. Do student council members participate in school board meetings?
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	20	_____
H.	Social or Recreational	20	_____
I.	Activity Awareness	20	_____
J.	Student Council Exchange	?	_____
K.	BONUS		
III.	STUDENT COUNCIL OPERATION		
A.	Agendas	18	_____
B.	Minutes	18	_____
C.	Evaluations	20	_____
IV.	DISTRICT PARTICIPATION		
A.	District Workshop	30	_____
B.	Host/organize Leadership Conference	50	_____
C.	District Office	10	_____
V.	STATE PARTICIPATION		
A.	NASC Member	20	_____
B.	NASC State Convention	30	_____
C.	State Executive Board	10	_____
D.	State President	20	_____
E.	Host State Convention	100	_____
F.	Summer Leadership Workshop	?	_____
G.	One Day Workshop	10	_____
H.	Officer Training Workshop	10	_____
VI.	NATIONAL PARTICIPATION		
A.	NASC National Member	20	_____
B.	National Conference or NLC Camps	?	_____
C.	NASC National Board	10	_____
D.	LEAD Conference	?	_____
E.	Host Area/National Conference	200	_____
F.	Advisor on NASC National Board	10	_____
G.	Presenter at a conference	?	_____
VII.	SPONSOR/ADVISOR PARTICIPATION		
A.	NASC Executive Board	10	_____
VIII.	ADMINISTRATIVE PARTICIPATION		
A.	Administrative approval	10	_____
B.	School Board Meetings	10	_____
	TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	950+	
	TOTAL SCORE		_____

School:

Person(s) Submitting Entry:

Title(s):

Principal:

Please, give us your feedback!

This application was revised in 2004. 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!!!