

SCASC Project Awards Information

Entry Instructions

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

Objectives:

To provide lasting incentives 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, awards program entries are brought or sent to the SCASC Conference by member schools for judging.

Contest Entry Rules:

1. Entries in the SCASC Awards Program are to be brought or sent to the annual conference and submitted prior to the end of registration on the first day of the conference. (Member schools not attending the conference may send projects to the conference school.)

2. A school may **enter up to three (3) priority areas** of the Project Competition and one (1) non-priority. **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 convention and if the same project has not won 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 **SCASC website at www.thegavel.org.**

4. A Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award will be awarded to schools in each category. (Middle) (1A,2A,3A) (4A,5A)

Please read the instructions carefully and completely. Use only the forms provided. Using forms associated with awards programs from previous years may result in disqualification of your entries. **Projects will be judged by current advisors. Advisors will not judge projects in a category they have entered.**

5. Any entry not prepared according to the rules will be disqualified. The decision of the judges is final. All awards will be presented at the annual state convention.

Judging:

Judging of the Awards Competition will take place at the SCASC Convention each year. Any school submitting an entry may be asked to provide an advisor to judge.

Priority Areas for Outstanding Projects

Community service: projects such as blood drives, charity drives, voter education or voter registration

Leadership activities: projects related to the training of council and the development of leadership.

Recognition: projects such as scholarships, awards, special recognitions, awards dinners/breakfasts

Recreational activities: projects related to school enjoyment

School service: projects that benefit the school and the entire student body/faculty/staff including campus beautification, purchase of equipment, handbooks, career seminars, college days, etc.

School pride: projects relating to pride in the school

School spirit: projects relating to spirit in the school

Fundraising: (other than community projects)(Project must be done by student council, not an outside agency)

Video Project: video of a project in one of the previous categories (no more than four minutes)

Non-Priority Areas for Outstanding Projects

Poster: The Poster MUST reflect the Conference theme “Leadership Takes Flight” Poster should be made or cut from poster, “16x20” only, in either colored or white poster board, NO foam core type posters. Poster can be cut in ANY shape. Decorate as desired, making sure all three dimensional items, if used, are securely attached. The use of three dimensional items is optional.

Photograph: Photographs should be centered around this theme: “2020 Vision” 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 and can not be digital enhanced. Permission must be obtained from parents of any person included in the picture who is under the age of 18

For the non-priority entries, the artist name and school name should be written on the top left of the BACK of the project

Judging for Non-priority:

poster: judging will be based on originality of theme, creativity, neatness and visual appeal

photograph: creativity of theme, visual appeal, and photographic worth

South Carolina Association of Student Councils

2021 Official Project Entry Form

Priority Areas

The school entering the project must decide in which priority area this entry will be judged. Indicate the chosen category by marking the appropriate box below. For clarification, refer to the Awards Program Entry Instructions. Remember you are limited to one entry in each of three categories. The school can add one non-priority category and not count as one of the three.

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Non-Priority Areas

Poster: poster depicting theme of conference

Photograph: original, non-digital enhanced photo depicting theme of conference

Submitting School Information

Name of School _____

Name of Project _____

Project Chairperson _____

Date(s) of Project _____

On a separate sheet of paper give a detailed description of the project.

You are limited to the one page. You may include pictures, but they must be part of the one page report on the separate page.