

# **PROJECT OF** **YEAR AWARD**

## **Submission Procedure:**

1. Applications must be submitted on the Project of the Year application form. The application may include up to five (5) single-sided pages of support data (photographs, letters, articles, etc.) or by the entire project if the project is a publication.
2. Schools may enter as many Projects of the Year applications as they wish in any or all of the project categories. Only one (1) project may be entered on a single application form, and a single project may not be submitted in more than one category.
3. Projects should have been completed between the end of last year's State Conference and the present conference.
4. Projects submitted for Student Council of the Year may be, but do not have to be, the same as those submitted in the Project of the Year application.
5. Projects submitted for Project of the Year may be selected, but do not have to be, from the NMAC projects voted on at the previous annual conference.
6. Submit the original and three (3) copies of each single project application in a presentation folder. The original and each copy must be presented in a separate folder. The front cover must contain the following information: school name, project name, and the project category in which the entry is being submitted. Submit applications when school registers at state conference. Applications will not be accepted after that time.

## **Selection and Award Procedure:**

1. Project of the Year applications will be judged as follows: implementing a goal of the school student council (25 points); developing at least four of the following skills: communication, leadership, goal identification, decision making, planning and organizing, implementing and carrying out ideas, problem solving (25 points); involving students in a school activity and meeting their needs or interests (25 points); and presentation of application (25 points).
2. A committee of adults will select the first, second, and third place winners for high school and middle level. The second and third place winners for each level will be recognized at a general session of the annual conference. The first place winner for each level will be presented an award at a general session of the annual conference.

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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM**

**Project Categories: Check one (I) of the following project categories for each application for “Project of the Year.” A school may submit as many “Project of the Year” applications it wishes.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(A) Community Service.** The intent of the project must be to benefit the community outside of the school. Some examples might be projects for hospitals, the homeless, abused children, senior citizens.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(B) Citizenship Development.** Citizenship projects help individual student council members learn better behavior, patriotism, or acceptance of individual responsibilities. Some examples might be projects for voter registration, better school attendance, cultural awareness.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(C) School Service.** These projects directly benefit the student body or the school. Some examples might be campus clean-up, school beautification, welcoming new students, tutoring, volunteering to help in the office.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(D) Environmental Awareness.** These projects educate students about the environment away from the school campus. Some examples might be recycling, anti-litter, preservation, acceptable ways to bring a concern to the public.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(E) Student-Staff Relations.** These are to raise administration-faculty-staff morale or to improve relations between the student council and the administration-faculty-staff. Some examples are staff appreciation days, staff-member-of-the week, help-a-teacher day.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(F) Health and Safety.** Projects for health and safety should be those that encourage members of the student body to avoid destructive behaviors. Examples might include anti-smoking campaigns, education about eating disorders, STDs, alcohol/drug abuse, violent crime, abusive relations.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(G) School Spirit.** This should be about school pride and involvement in school activities. Some examples might be assemblies, adopt-a-friend, potlucks for new students, freshmen orientation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(H) Membership Motivation.** Projects to increase participation in the student council or to motivate the present members are included in this category. They might be called “warm fuzzies,” if they are designed to benefit student council members. School-wide leadership workshops, council retreats or lock-ins, speakers, and council parties where only council members may attend are some examples.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(I) Fund-Raising.** These should be projects that are intended to raise money for all of the other project categories, including community service projects. Fund-raising should be shared equally by student council members.

School \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone, including area code \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Student Council Adviser \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, route, box, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state, zip code)

Adviser Home Phone, including area code \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser E-mail address, printed legibly \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PROJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project Category** \_\_\_\_\_

**INCLUSIVE DATES (Date when you first planned project to date when you completed it.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST PROJECT GOALS.**

**DESCRIBE PROJECT IN AN ESSAY (Use no more than 300 words and no more space than front of this page.)**