



PROJECT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

CONTEST GOAL: To encourage and showcase projects which exemplify the goals & standards of the New Mexico Association of Student Councils.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD: A NMASC member school must have paid state conference registration and must be in attendance at the state conference to receive any state accolade.

- Contest Submissions that do not meet the Submission Procedure and Construction Guideline criteria below will be displayed but not judged.
- Only two (2) Project Exhibit entries may be submitted per school for judging. Contest submissions that exceed the number of allowed Project Exhibit entries will be displayed but not judged. Submit your best two!
- **Project CHILDREN** is the State Project through State Conference 2020. *In addition* to the 9 Project Categories **listed below**, and on the front of the Student Council of the Year application, school councils are encouraged to research and come up with their own project that focuses on **CHILDREN**. A project with **CHILDREN** is *not* required for participation in this competition.

Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when don't. Pete Seeger, musician

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

- A council's Project of the Year exhibit entry must be submitted fully assembled and display-ready when the school registers at State Conference. Entries must include two items: 1) a science fair type display board of support data and documentation of the resolution activity and 2) a written summary of the resolution project from planning through the evaluation stages.
- The back lower right-hand corner of the display board must display the school name, level of the school and name of the advisor. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in judging disqualification.
- The display board must be free standing. It may not require electricity. It may have a self-contained battery pack securely mounted that does not require maintenance after check in or during the voting process.

CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES:

- The Project Exhibit entry must be displayed on a science fair display board no larger than 36 inches high and 48 inches
- The entry must display the following:
 - Name of the project completed
 - The **Category** of the project **must be clearly stated on the front of the project board**. (See the 9 Project Categories listed on the front of the Student Council of the Year application. Or, the State Project.)
 - Project goal, planning and implementation
 - Breadth of involvement of student council and/or other students
 - Evaluation and project impact
 - Written project summary

Project Categories:

1. Community Service
2. Citizenship
3. School Service
4. Environmental Awareness
5. Staff relations
6. Health and Safety
7. School Spirit
8. Membership Motivation
9. Fundraising
10. The State Project – **Project CHILDREN**

JUDGING CRITERIA:

A committee of council advisors will judge the Project Exhibit on the following:

- Presentation of Display Board:
 - Project name & category (10%)
 - Activity alignment to Project Category intent (20%)
 - Evidence of project goal, planning & implementation (20%)
 - Activity documentation (photos, etc.) (20%)
 - Breadth of involvement of student council and/or other students (20%)
 - Creativity & overall presentation (10%)

AWARD:

- Judging Committee:

The judging committee will select the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finalists for high school and middle level.

The 2nd & 3rd place finalists from each level, in each project category, will be recognized in the Award & Recognition session of the State Conference. 1st place from each level, in each project category, will be presented an award.

- Delegates Choice

Student delegates will select, by ballot, by school, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finalists from high school & middle level.

The 2nd and 3rd place finalists from each level, in each project category, will be recognized in the Award & Recognition session of the State Conference. 1st place from each level, in each project category, will be presented an award.