

Georgia Association of Student Councils

Awards Programming

Outstanding Projects of the Year

Requirements:

- A school may enter one project per category up to six different categories.
- One form per entry.
- Eligible projects must have been completed within school year 24-25.
- The decision of the judges will be final.
- Any entry not prepared according to the rules will be disqualified.
- First place projects may only be entered every four years by the same school.
- All entry forms MUST be turned in by January 31, 2025 at 11:59pm.

Categories:

- **Outstanding Community Service Project--Outreach:** Projects designed to serve and make a positive impact in your community at large (ex: Adopt-A-Road, community park clean-up, volunteering at a nursing home, etc.)
- **Outstanding Community Service Project--Fundraising:** Projects designed to raise funds for specific charities, projects that send money for disaster relief, or projects that supply money to buy goods/services that help people in need, etc.
- **Outstanding School Service Project:** Projects designed to improve your school or provide a service to the school or group within the school family only on school grounds (ex: clean up school grounds, help out another club, tutoring peers at your school, RSVP program. etc.)
- **Outstanding School Spirit and Pride Project:** Projects designed to promote school spirit or encourage pride in self, pride in class, pride in school, and pride in community (ex: spirit club, spirit wars, spirit week, spirit favor give-a-ways, etc.)
- **Outstanding Citizenship/Patriotism Project:** Projects designed to promote the duties and values of citizenship and patriotism (ex: voter registration, Adopt-A-Soldier, 9/11 Remembrances, Veterans' Day activities, recognition/care packages for troops, etc.)
- **Outstanding Fundraising Project:** Projects designed to raise funds in support of Student Council, Student Council projects, or the school (ex: selling candy, Rock-a-thon, etc.)
- **Outstanding Leadership Project:** Projects designed to teach leadership, enhance leadership skills, or to practice leadership skills (ex: leadership assemblies, council member lock-in, etc.)
- **Outstanding Student Recognition Project:** Projects designed to honor or recognize students for excellence (as an individual or group level) (ex: student of the month, birthday recognition, honor roll recognition, student appreciation week, etc.)
- **Outstanding Student Relations Project:** Projects designed to improve relationships among the student body (ex: mix-it-up day, club fair, class socials, etc.)
- **Outstanding Faculty/Staff Recognition & Relations Project:** Projects designed to honor, recognize or show appreciation for faculty/staff and/or build better relationships between staff and students (as an individual or group level) (ex: faculty/staff member of the month, teacher appreciation gifts, teacher appreciation week, socials, faculty newsletter, etc.)
- **Outstanding Social Media:** Councils who maintain and run social media accounts that are used to inform schools and communities about their council news, activities, and business (include details from the site).

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Council of Excellence

Introduction

The purpose of the GASC Council of Excellence Award is to provide state-level recognition for student councils that maintain strong year-round programs. This award provides broader recognition for the most worthy efforts of GASC member schools. All councils meeting the determined criteria in this application will receive the appropriate award.

The following pages describe, in list format, the governance, activities, and services that a student council may accomplish. Because of the variances in school size and council structure it is not expected that individual councils will complete the entire list.

Eligibility

Schools applying for the GASC Council of Excellence Award must hold an active membership and have been a member of GASC for a minimum of 2 consecutive years, inclusive of the current year. For example, to receive the 2023-2024 award, a school must have been a GASC member for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Check out the Council of Excellence Requirements document for more information!

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Advisor of the Year

This award is presented to an advisor who has contributed significantly to their local council, school, and community. Recipients are nominated by their councils, and a committee reviews the applications and selects one advisor for the **Patricia B. Ireland High School Advisor of the Year** and one advisor for the **Marriott-Hexamer Middle School Advisor of the Year** awards.

Administrator of the Year

GASC established this award to honor those school administrators who have demonstrated their continued support of Student Council and activities at your school. Nominees can include Assistant Principals, Principals and Supervisors.

Member of the Year

These awards recognize one outstanding Middle School student leader and one outstanding High School student leader for their local/state contributions to student council.

Speech Contest

The GASC Speech Contest is an opportunity for students to showcase their public speaking skills within a given topic. Judging will be based on organization, delivery, presentation, and effectiveness of the speech. Schools are allotted one participant, with a Middle and High School level winner.

Senior Scholarship

In recognition of the enormous contributions of many students to the Student Council programs, the Texas Association of Student Councils will recognize two outstanding graduating seniors with college scholarships. The amount of each scholarship will be dependant on scholarship donations for the year.