



2011 NASC High School National Council of Excellence Award

Introduction

The purpose of the NASC High School National Council of Excellence Award is to provide national recognition for student councils that maintain strong year-round programs that improve school climate by encouraging and involving students to have a voice in school and community affairs, to encourage civic engagement, promote service and service learning, and provide activities in which all students can participate. This award provides broader recognition for the most worthy efforts of NASC member schools. The evaluation process also serves as a tool to help schools assess their student council programs. All councils meeting the standards in this application will be named a National Council of Excellence.

The Standards for the 2011 National Council of Excellence Award reflect the core purposes and mission of student councils. Additionally, the Award has been designed so that applicants prepare evidence of meeting the award criteria and perform an in-house evaluation, after which the results are forwarded to NASC. This facilitates a process that will help student councils become more proficient in self-assessment practices and better able to report their achievements and activities.

To show that a school's student council is consistent in its practices and activities, the annual "council activity" period for the Award is based on the calendar year that runs from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The time period allows student councils to provide evidence from spring, summer, fall and winter activities. Application postmark deadline will be February 15, 2011.

The National Council of Excellence Award will be bestowed upon those student councils that can show evidence of a strong leadership program that meets their council goals, functions in ethical and responsible ways, engages others in leadership, spirit, civic and service activities. Student Councils that demonstrate the highest levels of excellence will earn the distinction of being named NASC National Gold Councils of Excellence.

Timeline:	January 1 to December 31, 2010	- Council activities completed
	February 15, 2011	- Postmark Deadline: Application to NASC
	April 2011	- Awarded Schools notified prior to National Student Leadership Week
	June 2011	- Awarded school delegates attending the National Conference provided special ribbons

