

The Montgomery County Junior Councils (MCJC)

Outstanding Activity/Project Award

All secondary school-sponsored student organizations¹ are encouraged to submit their best activity/project in consideration for the 2011-2012 MCJC Outstanding Activity/Project Award. As a part of National Student Leadership Week, this award will recognize student organizations whose activities/projects have made a positive impact on their school community.

A panel of student and adult judges will evaluate the applications in mid April and select one middle school winner. The winning organization will receive a plaque for their school. Certificates/ribbons will be awarded to second and third place winners.

All qualified entries will be posted on the MCPS web as a resource for others.

Award Criteria

- Impact of the project on the school or local community or results achieved
- Creativity of the project idea and/or its implementation
- Amount of involvement by student members
- Leadership demonstrated by group members in carrying out the project
- Written quality and clarity of the application.

Official Rules

- Project must have been carried out between April 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012.
- Each student organization may submit only one application for this award.
- Entries must be submitted electronically (Microsoft Word).
- Attachments to elaborate on items mentioned in the application are accepted. Additional materials can include photos, newspaper clippings, copies of printed programs, and so forth (these must be in jpeg, pict, gif, or pdf format). Videotapes or PowerPoint presentations to augment the application are also accepted.
- Winners will be selected based on their application and accompanying attachments.²
- A selection panel representing organizations whose missions encompass service and leadership will judge entries. Winners will be announced during the MCJC awards general assembly meetings (the last meeting of the year) and will be posted on the Student Affairs resources web site (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departmtnes/studentaffairs/sao/resources) in late May. The award plaque, and runner up certificate, will be presented at the general assembly.



Deadline for Entry

For award consideration, applications must be **emailed** by **4:00pm on April 13, 2012**, to MCJC c/o **Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org** (You should expect a reply email acknowledging receipt of your application. If you do not receive a reply, please call the Student Affairs Office cell phone at 301-318-6384.)

How to Enter

Applications for the award can be downloaded at the MCJC website at www.mcjc.info (on the right navigation bar, select AWARDS) or see attached.

¹ MCJC represents all student organizations, not just student government. Therefore, any school-sponsored student organization may submit an entry for this award.

² All entries become the property of MCPS. By entering, applicants grant MCPS the right to publish activities/projects and to post them on the MCPS Student Affairs web site (www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs). MCPS reserves the right to (1) not to award a prize if none of the entries is deemed worthy and (2) disqualify entries if they are not submitted according to the above guidelines.

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Application

Applications should be filed electronically (typed in Microsoft Word) and emailed to the Student Affairs Office c/o Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org and received by 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2012.

School Name:

Organization Name:

Advisor's Name:

of members in your group:

of members participating in activity/project:

Date(s) of activity/project:

Note: Attachments to elaborate on items in this application are acceptable. Submit no more than 5 additional pages. Videotapes, pictures (jpeg, pict, eps, tiff, or gif), PowerPoint presentations, etc., are also acceptable as supplemental materials.

I. Project Summary (10 points)

Name of Project:

Briefly summarize your project and its accomplishments.

II. Project Objectives (10 points)

Describe the need your project was designed to address. (Provide supporting data.) What did your group hope to accomplish by sponsoring this project?

III. Project Activities (30 points)

Summarize the major project activities, from the planning stages through evaluation. Include descriptions of activities involved, committees formed, timeline followed, resources used, etc.

IV. Leadership (25 points)

How did your group's student leaders demonstrate leadership in carrying out this project? (i.e., What problems were overcome? What resources were utilized? In what ways did you collaborate with other organizations? How did student leaders motivate others to get involved?)

V. Project Results (20 points)

Describe the impact of the project on the school or local community. How did you determine if you achieved your objectives? (What results were observed, how were attitudes or behaviors changed, how did you know you made a difference, and so forth?)

VI. Presentation (5 points)

Up to five points may be awarded for the overall presentation of this application, including clarity of expression, format, grammar, and spelling.

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