

Competition Guidelines

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Awards Committee Guidelines and Responsibilities

The Awards Committee shall be composed of up to four (4) members from each region. Each Region President may ask for volunteers from their respective regions to sit on the Awards Committee or may select appointments as needed. The TJCSGA Executive Board shall also appoint up to twelve (12) external judges not affiliated with TJCSGA. The TJCSGA President has final appointment approval.

As members of the Awards Committee you are charged with examining each submission assigned to you. These submissions represent countless hours of work and thought. Your consideration of these entries is of high importance. The first order of business will be the committee's selection of chair. This shall take place at the Committee Orientation Meeting on Thursday night. The executive board shall appoint up to two (2) advisors to serve as ex-officio members of the committee. In addition, the President of TJCSGA serves as an ex-officio member of this and the other committees excluding the Nominations Committee.

It is your responsibility to thoughtfully consider the merits of each submission and not to rush through them. Also, remember that each submission has been completed to the best of the ability of the member colleges with only those resources available to them. If disqualifications occur after the submission process, it is the responsibility of the committee to come to a consensus in these cases and to provide justification for disqualification on the scorecards for the submission.

The committee shall be divided into two (2) groups with equal number of region representatives. The external judges divided equally among the two (2) groups.

Once scores are submitted, both the highest and lowest scores of each submission will be dropped before tabulations. All scorecards must include committees supporting point values.

Thank you very much for your service. The members of the TJCSGA Executive Board are extremely grateful to you for your service in this committee.

Competition Requirements and Judging Criteria

The purpose of these competitions is to allow the opportunity for students to reflect on the role of their SGA within their school and community, with an eye toward preparing future SGA members to continue their work. Successful entries will demonstrate the importance of the interaction of various student groups of their college towards common goals.

Each submission must be made to the TJCSGA Host School at the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M., the Friday of convention. The name of the college and the type of entry shall be indicated on each item and a completed Nominations Submission form, if required, will be submitted with each entry. Students must create all competition entries. No professional work will be permitted. All entries should be submitted and in a legible text. It is imperative that all submissions fall within the guidelines of each category, as failure to do so will result in disqualification for that entry. TJCSGA Judicial Policy must not be violated while at convention.

Each member of the Awards Committee shall be provided with a packet of scorecards to rate each entry. If the committee requires more, the committee chair may request these from the TJCSGA President. The committee will judge each entry solely on the merits prescribed in these guidelines. Deviation from these standards is not allowed. After scores are submitted both highest and lowest score of each submitted will be dropped.

The following awards will be presented for each category:

1st place- Plaque

2nd place- Certificate

3rd place- Certificate

The first-place Video and Song will be played for the General Assembly if equipment is available

Student of the Year Award

The TJCSGA Student of the Year will be selected at the State Convention by the TJCSGA Awards Committee from nominees put forth by each Regional Association. One Student of the Year shall be selected. Each member college may nominate one student, and each Region will consider the nominations and select one student from that Region to be considered for TJCSGA Student of the Year.

Nominees for this award should exemplify the best attributes of a college student including, but not limited to academic excellence, involvement at his or her college, and involvement at the regional level. Only information pertaining to the current academic year will be considered for this award; therefore, it is necessary that each region select a nominee who will be attending the State Convention. Nominees may be requested by the Awards Committee to submit to an interview as the committee designates.

The first-place winner of the TJCSGA Student of the Year Award will receive a scholarship that shall be paid to the college of their choice.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Each entry must have a nomination form attached to the original copy.
2. Entries must be no longer than fifteen (15) pages in length including a one-page resume and all supporting documents but excluding the nomination form and cover page. Entries must be either in 1st or 3rd person.
3. Entries must be typed on 8.5" x 11" paper and in a legible text.
4. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
5. Submitted information must not be fraudulent.
6. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Student's involvement during the current academic year in local SGA events.
- Student's involvement during the current academic year in regional TJCSGA events.
- Student's academic honors or awards received within the current academic year.
- Student's membership in honor programs or internships held within the current academic year.
- Student's participation in clubs, organizations, and civic involvement other than SGA.
- Student's duties while in college (jobs, family duties etc.).
- Presentation of student entry.

Student of the Year Score Card

College Name _____

Student Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Local Involvement In SGA	35	
Regional Involvement in TJCSGA	15	
Honors or Awards Received	10	
Honors Programs or Internships	10	
Other Clubs, Organizations and Civic Involvement	10	
Other duties while in college (Jobs, Family, etc.)	10	
Presentation	10	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ pages

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Chapter of the Year Award

Each Region may nominate one member college to be considered for TJCSGA Chapter of the Year. Nominations should describe in detail the contributions of the nominated chapter, with an emphasis on how that chapter has impacted their individual members, their school, and their community in the current academic year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Each entry must have a nomination form attached to the original copy.
2. Entries must be no longer than twenty (20) pages in length including all supporting documents but excluding the cover page.
3. Entries must be typed on 8.5"x 11" paper and in a legible text.
4. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
5. Submitted information must not be fraudulent.
6. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- SGA involvement in the current academic year in other local college activities.
- SGA involvement in the current academic year in local community service projects.
- SGA involvement in their regional TJCSGA organizations.
- Presentation of SGA entry.

Chapter of the Year Award Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
SGA College Activities	30	
SGA Local Community Service	30	
TJCSGA Regional Activities	30	
Presentation	10	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ pages

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

The Joel Franke Memorial Advisor of the Year Award

This award is named in memoriam for Joel Franke, who served as an advisor to TJCSGA from Blinn College-Brenham from 1986 to 1995. During his tenure, Mr. Franke worked tirelessly to promote student issues at the state, region, college and local levels.

Each Region may nominate one college SGA advisor to be considered for TJCSGA Advisor of the Year. Nominations should describe in detail the contributions of the nominated advisor, with an emphasis on how that advisor has impacted their individual members, their school, their community, and their state. Of all the awards, this one is the only one to require the entire history of the advisor with TJCSGA, not just the current academic year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Each entry must have a nomination form attached to the original copy
2. Entries must be no longer than ten (10) pages in length including all supporting documents but excluding the cover page.
3. Entries must be typed on 8.5"x 11" paper and in a legible text.
4. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
5. Submitted information must not be fraudulent.
6. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.
7. Title holder must wait a minimum of 3 years before reapplying.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Advisor's role in their local SGA.
- Advisor's role in community events not associated with SGA.
- Advisor's role in TJCSGA regional activities
- Advisor's role in TJCSGA State activities.
- Presentation of Entry.

The Joel Franke Memorial Advisor of the Year Award Score Card

College Name _____

Advisor's Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Advisor's Role in local SGA	35	
Advisor's Role in community	30	
Advisor's Role in TJCSGA regional activities	15	
Advisor's Role in TJCSGA State activities	10	
Presentation	10	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ pages

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Region of the Year Award

All entries will be submitted by the region interested. Nominations should describe in detail the contributions of the nominated region, with an emphasis on how that region has impacted their individual members, their school, region and their community in the current academic year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Each entry must have a nomination form attached to the original copy.
2. Entries must be no longer than twenty (20) pages in length including all supporting documents but excluding the cover page.
3. Entries must be typed on 8.5"x 11" paper and in a legible text.
4. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
5. Submitted information must not be fraudulent.
6. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Online presence
- Community involvement
- Integration of regional or state theme
- Regional conferences
- Support of initiatives

Region of the Year Award Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Online Presence	30	
Community involvement	25	
Theme	25	
Conferences	10	
Support of initiatives	10	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ pages

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Video Award

The video should show how your local SGA embraced the TJCSGA theme for this year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Entry must be an original work done by students of your college.
2. Entry must be submitted in a digital format on a standard DVD or on a dedicated USB flash drive in an AVI, MPG, or WMV file format.
3. Entry must be no longer than 8 minutes in length, including dead time.
4. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.
5. After the awards committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Appropriate use of the TJCSGA Theme.
- Demonstrated creativity.
- Well-organized and appropriate content.
- Appearance is aesthetically sound.
- Live-action footage of members of your SGA must be presented in video.

Video Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Use of TJCSGA State Theme	20	
Creativity	20	
Organization and Content	20	
Appearance	20	
Live Action	20	
Total Points	100	

Time on DVD: _____

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Scrapbook Award

The scrapbook is a great way to attract future members of SGA. It is a physical story of your SGA's accomplishments over the current academic year. The time frame the content should cover is from the end of the previous convention until submission at current convention.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Entry must be an original work done by students of your college.
2. All entries cannot exceed a total of 75 inches including height, length and width unopened. A cover page must be placed on scrapbook (do not have to be a part of the scrapbook).
3. The book CANNOT weigh more than 50lbs.
4. Information in scrapbook must not be fraudulent.
5. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.
6. After the awards committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designed by the TJCSGA Executive Board.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Appropriate use of TJCSGA Theme.
- Demonstrated creativity.
- Organization of scrapbook.
- Appropriate content.
- Originality.

Scrapbook Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Creativity of Scrapbook	25	
Content of Scrapbook	25	
Originality	20	
Organization of Scrapbook	15	
Use of TJCSGA Theme	15	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ pages

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Essay Award

Entries into this category should incorporate a variety of activities provided by the Student Government Association of your school and should incorporate actions of your student government's impact on campus. This competition encompasses the year your SGA has had and does not examine any one event.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Essay must be an original work done by students of your college.
2. Entries must have continuity and be no more than four (4) pages in length excluding the cover page.
3. Entries must be typed on 8.5"x 11" paper and in a legible text.
4. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
5. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Use of events held by your college.
- Appropriate *use of TJCSGA Theme*.
- Impact on college campus.
- Demonstrated *creativity*.
- Appropriate *content*.
- Description of community service.
- Well-organized *structure*.

Essay Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Use of TJCSGA Theme	20	
Impact on Campus	20	
Content of Essay	15	
Creativity of Essay	15	
Use of Events Held	10	
Description of Event(s) Held	10	
Structure of Essay	10	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ words

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Song Award

Song should show how your local SGA embraced the TJCSGA theme for this year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Entries must be no longer than four (4) minutes in length, this including dead time.
2. Lyrics and music must be original work written by students of your college.
3. A typed lyric sheet must be turned in with the entry on 8.5"x 11" in a legible text and must have a cover page.
4. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.
5. After the awards committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Appropriate use of TJCSGA theme.
- Demonstrated creativity.
- Clarity.
- Appropriate content (lyrics).
- Quality of performance.

Song Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Creativity	20	
Use of TJCSGA Theme	20	
Clarity	20	
Contents/Lyrics	20	
Quality of Performance	20	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Poetry Award

Poetry should show how your local SGA embraced the TJCSGA theme for this year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification.

1. Entries must be no longer than two (2) pages in length excluding the cover page.
2. Poetry **MUST** be original work written by a student at your college.
3. Entries must be typed on 8.5"x 11" paper in a legible text.
4. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
5. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Appropriate use of TJCSGA theme
- Demonstrated creativity
- Appropriate content
- Clarity

Poetry Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Use of TJCSGA Theme	25	
Creativity	25	
Content	25	
Clarity	25	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ words

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Event of the Year Award

Each SGA submitting an entry must choose one event for the Event of the Year Award held by your college's SGA during the current academic year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Entries must be accompanied by supporting documents (such as photographs, flyers, newspaper articles, etc.).
2. Entries must include a letter of verification on college letterhead written and signed by a college administrator.
3. Entries must be no longer than ten (10) pages in length, including verification letter, supporting documents and cover page.
4. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8.5"x 11" paper entry in a legible text.
5. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
6. Submitted information must not be fraudulent.
7. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- SGA involvement in the current academic year in local college activities.
- Demonstrated creativity.
- Appropriate content and clarity.
- Supporting documents.

Event of the Year Award Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
SGA College Activities	25	
Creativity	25	
Content/Clarity	25	
Supporting Documents	25	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ pages

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If, yes explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Community Service Award

Each SGA submitting an entry must choose one project for the Community Service Award organized and supported by your college's SGA during the current academic year.

The following requirements have been stipulated for this competition. Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification:

1. Entries must be accompanied by supporting documents (such as photographs, flyers, newspapers articles, etc.).
2. Entries must be no longer than ten (10) pages in length, including all supporting documents but excluding the cover page.
3. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8.5"x 11" paper in a legible text.
4. Six (6) copies will be submitted in addition to the original for a total of seven (7). The advisor (Ex-Officio Member) of the Awards Committee will be responsible for the original. After the Awards Committee report, members from each school will be able to retrieve their submissions as designated by the TJCSGA Executive Board.
5. Submitted information must not be fraudulent.
6. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday of convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Community Impact.
- Demonstrated creativity.
- Appropriate content and clarity.
- Supporting documents.

Community Service Score Card

College Name _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Community Impact	30	
Creativity	30	
Content/Clarity	30	
Supporting Documents	10	
Total Points	100	

Length of Submission: _____ pages

Disqualified: _____ (yes/no) If yes, explain below.

Notes: _____

Awards Committee Member: _____

School: _____

Region (if applicable): I II III IV V VI

Advisor - Ex-Officio Member of the Committee: _____

School: _____

Other Awards

Only one (1) winner will be chosen for each of these category awards.

Most Professional Award:

The most professional delegation will receive a plaque. This award will be based on interaction and appearance at the state conference. This award will be chosen by the current Executive Board and will be awarded at the last general assembly.

Spirit Award:

The most spirited delegation will receive a plaque. This award will be based on overall enthusiasm, positive attitude and involvement at the state conference by the entire delegation including advisor(s). This award will be chosen by the current Executive Board and will be awarded at the last general assembly.

Sweepstakes Award:

Entries in the Video, Scrapbook, Essay, Song, Poetry, Event, and Community Service competitions will be eligible for the TJCSGA Sweepstakes Award. Each entry will be awarded a minimum of 1 point for being submitted. The following formula will be used for determining the Sweepstakes winner:

4 points-First Place

3 points-Second Place

2 points-Third Place

1 point-Submission