



COMPETITION GUIDELINES

2021-2022

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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. Advisor and Student of the Year nominees may not serve on the Awards Committee. The TJCSGA Executive Board may also appoint up to twelve (12) external judges not affiliated with TJCSGA. The TJCSGA President has final appointment approval.

Members of the Awards Committee are charged with examining each submission assigned to them. These submissions represent countless hours of work and thought. The consideration of these entries is of high importance. The first order of business will be the committee's selection of chair by a poll vote within the first meeting. 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. There shall be four (4) zoom channels made for this committee. A zoom channel for the entire committee with three (3) break out sections for the sub-committees.

It is the committee member's responsibility to thoughtfully consider the merits of each submission and not to rush through them. **It is mandatory that notes be made on each scorecard to justify their score of the submission.** 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 a maximum of four (4) groups with an equal number of region representatives. The external judges divided equally among the 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.

The members of the TJCSGA Executive Board are extremely grateful to the Awards Committee members for serving on 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 the second day of the 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 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. 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 the 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

Honorable Mention - to be given at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

The 1st Place Video and Song will be played for the General Assembly if equipment is available.

It is the responsibility of the Committee Chair to break a tie vote. Any discrepancy in the tie breaking vote will be brought to the Judicial Committee for review.

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 their 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.

Examples of supporting documents could include but are not limited to a resume, transcript, letters of recommendation, etc.

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 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 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 wetransfer.com website no later than 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the 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.
- 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	
Academics, Honors, and Internships	20	
Other Clubs, Organizations and Civic and Community Involvement	15	
Presentation	15	
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 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 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 Wettransfer.com website no later than 9:00 A.M. the second day of the 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

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 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 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 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the 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.

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

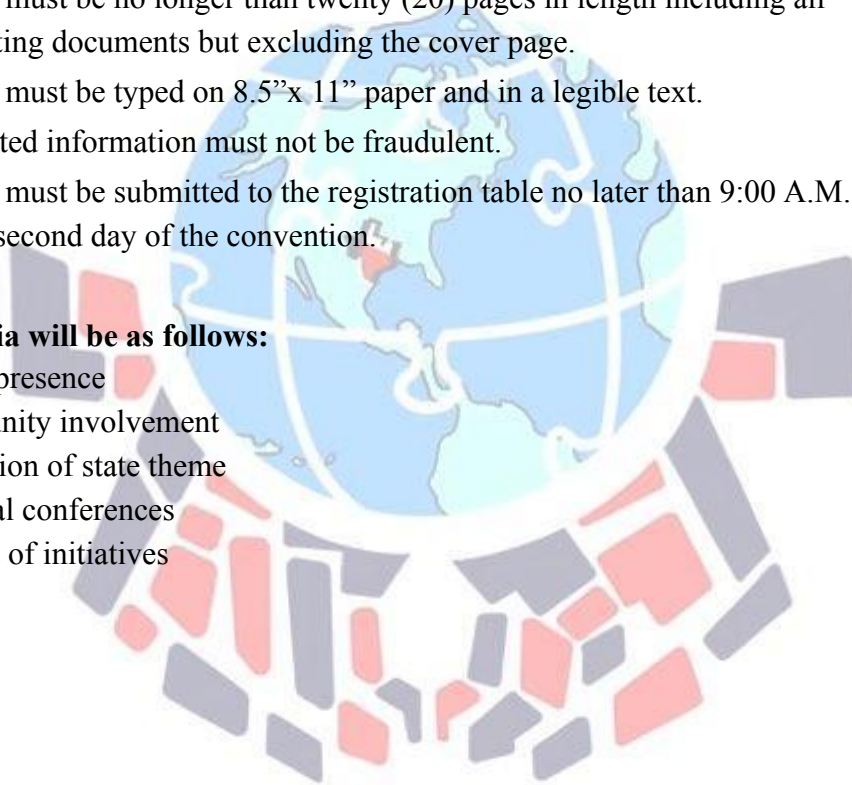
All entries will be submitted by the region interested. Nominations should describe in detail the contributions of the nominated region, with an emphasis on how that region has impacted their individual members, region, and community in the current academic year.

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 the 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. Submitted information must not be fraudulent.
5. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Online presence
- Community involvement
- Integration of 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	25	
Community involvement	25	
Theme	25	
Conferences	15	
Support	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 Score Card



Video Award

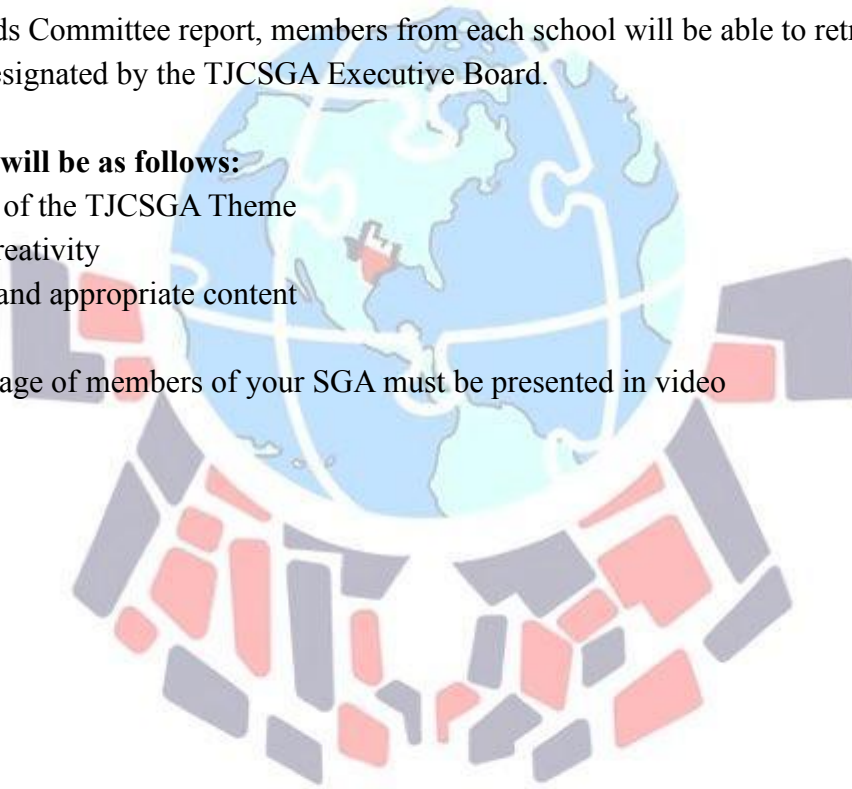
The video should show how your local SGA embraced the TJCSGA theme for this year.

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 original work **done by students** of your college. (no news footage, no copyright, etc.)
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 6 minutes in length, including dead time.
4. Entries must be submitted to the registration table no later than 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the 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
- Live-action footage of members of your SGA must be presented in video



Video Award 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	

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: _____

Song Award

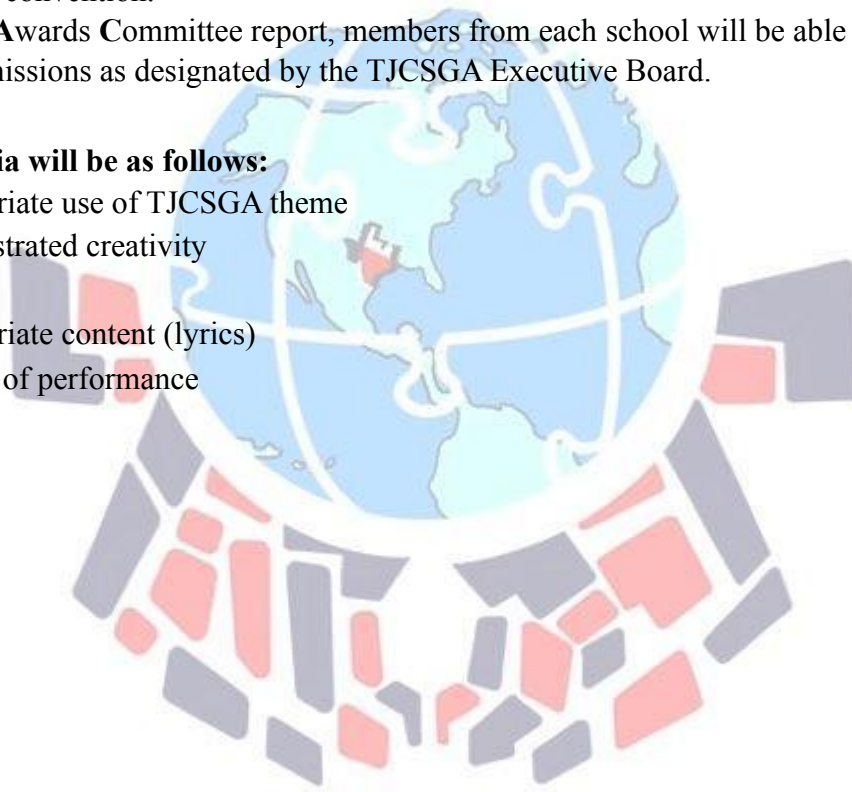
Song should show how your local SGA embraced the TJCSGA theme for this year.

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, 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 typed 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 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the 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



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: _____

Essay Award

Entries for this category should incorporate a variety of activities provided by the SGA's of your school and should incorporate actions of your SGA 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 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 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the 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 Award

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	15	
Creativity	15	
Use of Events	10	
Description of Event(s)	10	
Structure	10	
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: _____

Essay Award

School: _____



Poetry Award

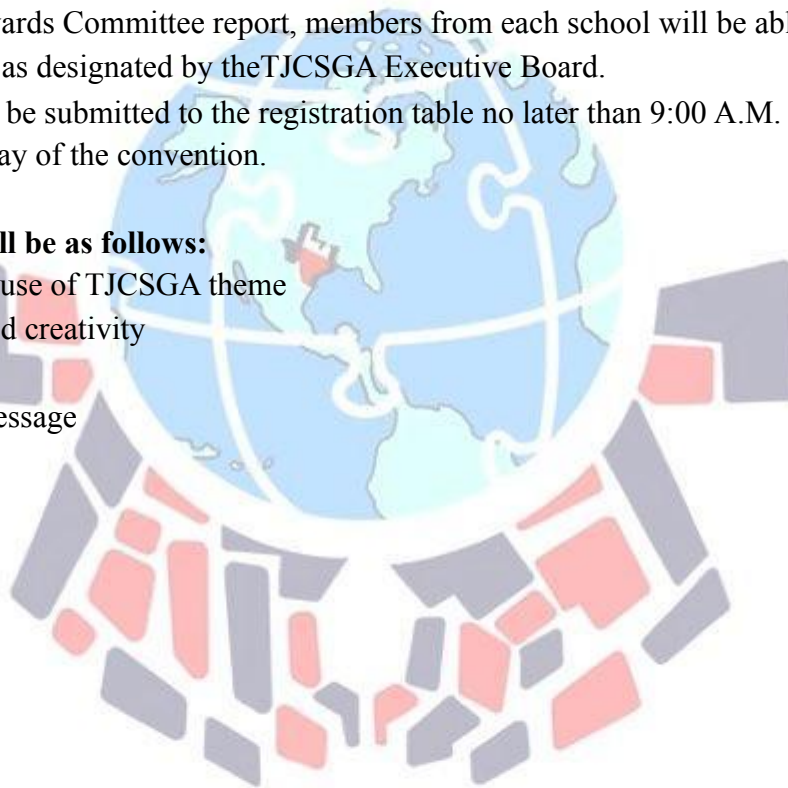
Poetry should show how your local SGA embraced the TJCSGA theme for this year.

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(s) at your college.
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 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Appropriate use of TJCSGA theme
- Demonstrated creativity
- Structure
- Clarity of message



Poetry Award

College Name: _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Use of TJCSGA theme	25	
Creativity	25	
Structure	25	
Clarity of message	25	
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: _____



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 verifying that the event that took place, on college letterhead written and signed by a college administrator.
3. Entries must be no longer than ten (10) pages in length, including all supporting documents, but excluding cover page.
4. Entries must be typed on 8.5"x 11" paper and 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 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Event Impact
- Creativity
- Content clarity
- Supporting documents

Event of the Year Award

College Name: _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Event Impact	25	
Creativity	25	
Content/Clarity	25	
Supporting Documents	25	
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: _____

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 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 9:00 A.M. on the second day of the convention.

Judging criteria will be as follows:

- Community impact
- Creativity
- Content clarity
- Supporting documents

Community Service Award

College Name: _____

Region: I II III IV V VI

Judging Criteria	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Community Impact	50	
Creativity	10	
Content/Clarity	20	
Supporting Documents	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: _____

Other Awards

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

Sweepstakes Award:

Entries in the 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 how many additional points each submission shall receive, and the Sweepstakes winner.

4 Points – 1st Place

3 Points – 2nd Place

2 Points – 3rd Place

1 Point - Submission

Texas Legend Award

The Texas Legend award, is an award reserved for an advisor who through their years of service, have guided and shaped the organization. Any member wishing to nominate an advisor for the Texas Legend award, should submit a letter of nomination to the State Advisor (advisor@tjcsga.org) prior to the start of the State Convention. Please limit your nomination to two (2) pages and address these five (5) items below:

1. An overview of the individual (Higher Ed career, years of service, responsibilities)
2. An overview/highlights/contribution with their local SGA
3. An overview/highlights/contribution with their Region
4. An overview/highlights/contribution at the State level
5. Any information that you would like to consider