

## **TASC FOUR STAR COUNCIL AWARD**

The goals for the Four Star Council are to recognize outstanding councils across the state for their fine efforts and to motivate other councils to increase the level of involvement at their respective schools.

To be eligible, each council must:

- ❖ Complete and submit the required applications (no project may be submitted in more than one category)
- ❖ For each submission, your council should be involved in the organization and implementation of the project. **\*\*\*The description on the project report form should CLEARLY describe how your council was the coordinating body\*\*\*.**
- ❖ Complete a project form for each of the **twenty required projects**  
Area Workshop and Convention hosts submit 15 and 10 respectively.  
(Workshop and Convention hosts should submit at least one project for each required category, and then their choice for the remaining projects)
- ❖ The information submitted **must be typed**
- ❖ No pictures or supporting information should be included
- ❖ **Must send delegate(s) to the fall TASC workshop in your area**
- ❖ **YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT CONVENTION TO WIN**

**The criteria to be considered a Four Star Council are as follows:**

**Community Service Project (at least 2):** Projects intended to benefit the community outside the school, i.e. hospitals, the homeless, nursing homes, special schools, foster homes, needy people in the community, or any group or organization that your school feels is in need of service.

**Fundraising Project (at least 1):** Projects that raise money for your council's expenses

**School Service/Who Cares (at least 2):** Projects intended to benefit your school or student body. Examples include: Peer tutoring, orientation, mentoring other students, focusing on the invisible student, at-risk students, or exceptional students, programs which promote academic excellence, and campus clean-up programs.

**Communications/Public Relations (at least 1):** Projects which focus on communication and/or public relations between your council and student body, staff, and/or community, ways you spread the news about what your council sponsors. Suggestions include: a council newsletter that is distributed to the student body, a TV news/announcement program within your school; a bulletin board or calendar posting activities, etc; publicity about a council project in a local newspaper, on a local radio or TV station.

**Faculty/Staff Relations (at least 1):** Projects that promote good faculty/staff morale, staff appreciation, etc.

**Leadership Development (at least 1):** Projects which are related to the training of council members and/or the development of leadership among the students in general. This includes projects such as a council retreat, training activities for members of your council and/or school. TASC Summer Camp, Area Workshops, and/or Convention may not be included unless you were the organizing school.

**School Spirit (at least 2):** Projects which boost school spirit within the student body, staff and community.

**New Project (at least 2):** Projects that your council conducts for the first time in your school.  
**CHOOSE AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**Health/Safety Awareness:** Projects which promote good health and/or wellness; drug, tobacco, alcohol abuse prevention programs; suicide prevention programs; projects which promote safety awareness in the areas of traffic, school, etc.

**Fine Arts/ Cultural Project:** Projects which promote fine arts in your school or community. Examples: promoting school plays, assisting with art shows, supporting school band or chorus. Again, your council must help in the organizing and implementation of the project.

**Improving Students' Attitudes:** Projects which strive to improve the attitudes of students about selected issues such as: sportsmanship, cultural diversity, racial relationships, respect for others, tolerance, character education, etc.

**Pride/Patriotism:** Projects which promote national, state, school, and/or individual pride and patriotism. Elections for officers are not appropriate to submit in this category unless you have a learning component as part of the project.

**Mentoring Another Council/TASC Recruitment:** Projects which promote your council encouraging/assisting another council in developing/enhancing their program, creating favorable relationships with other councils, recruiting other councils to become involved in TASC.

**Collaboration:** Projects where your council collaborates with another student council to sponsor a jointly planned event. This project must involve at least two schools working together.

**\*\*YOUR COUNCIL SHOULD COMPLETE SIX (6) ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FROM THE CATEGORIES LISTED ABOVE. You may not include more than three projects total from any one category (i.e. Two "Community Service" projects are required; therefore, you cannot include more than one additional Community Service project. One Leadership Development is required; therefore you could choose to include two additional projects as you submit your six additional projects to total twenty projects.)**

**COMPLETED PROJECTS MUST BE:**

1. TYPED
2. SENT WITH THE FOUR STAR APPLICATION, ALL 20 PROJECT FORMS ORDERED ACCORDING TO PROJECT REPORT FORM, AND IN A ½ " 3-RING BINDER
3. SENT IN ON TIME! (Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested)
4. INCLUDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON EACH PROJECT OR RISK DISQUALIFICATION.

**ALL PROJECTS MUST BE SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL WITH "RECEIPT REQUESTED" FROM THE POST OFFICE AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8, 2012.**

**SEND COMPLETE PROJECTS TO:**

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