

FMUN Award Guidelines

FMUN offers awards to delegations that demonstrate exemplary diplomacy, negotiation, speaking skills and research capabilities. **Please note that these awards are delegation awards, not individual or college awards. (i.e. Qatar, not John Doe or University of Michigan)**

Award Structure:

Overall, FMUN will present two outstanding delegation awards, 4 distinguished delegation awards, and 6 honorable mentions at closing ceremonies, as determined by cumulative ratings of the committee director and assistant director in each committee.

Delegation Award Guidelines

Each of these aspects are important on their own, but an award-winning delegation will demonstrate them all, without exception, throughout the entire conference. These guidelines will also facilitate the conference in a manner that will promote diplomacy and professionalism, skills that our conference could not function without. These guidelines incorporate the criteria that staff members look for in an award-winning delegation:

Diplomacy

An award-winning delegation is always professional in committee and upholds the highest of diplomatic standards. Diplomats treat each other with respect at all times, no matter if they agree with their fellow delegate's country policy or not. Also, diplomats do not exclude smaller countries out of informal debate. Diplomacy involves working to create a consensus in committee, which is why this is a crucial aspect of awards considerations.

Negotiation

Working hand-in-hand with diplomacy, negotiation is one of the most important skills you will bring to the conference. The goal is **NOT** to get others to violate their policy and go along with yours, but rather, for the delegates to come together to find a solution that the entire committee can agree on. Refusing to work with other states because they do not subscribe to your policy is counterproductive to the diplomatic process. Again, respect and diplomacy play an important role in the negotiation process and a good delegate will remember that point.

Speaking skills

A good speaker will utilize all of his or her speaker's time and place themselves on the speaker's list frequently. Delegates should always have something to say on the topic at hand, be it in favor or against the issue. Delegates should always take their speeches seriously, as this is the one forum they have to be heard by the entire committee at once. While the staff understands that public speaking is not easy (and we're all new at one time or another), you will gain the respect of your dais much quicker if you make an honest effort to make a good speech, rather than waste your time and the committee's by not taking your speaker's time seriously.

Research

As important as it is for you to write a solid position paper, it is even more important that you apply that same policy to your work in committee. You should act out the policy you write, which requires extensive research on your part. Your pre-conference preparation will be very evident during the course of the conference and those delegates that take the time to do the proper research will be the delegates that most likely take home awards. Believe it or not, it is very easy for staff to pick out the delegates that do not prepare for the conference beforehand.

Facilitation of committee

A good delegate will go out of his or her way to ensure that committee runs as smoothly as possible. A good delegate will include as much of the committee as possible in his or her negotiations. By including as much of the committee as you can, you are building consensus that will make voting procedures transgress much more smoothly. Finally, the delegate that works with the dais (instead of against it) will receive much more positive attention than the delegate that treats the dais with disrespect or contempt.

Individual Committee Awards

Additionally, each committee will present two awards; one to their best delegate and most improved delegate. The committee awards are solely based on a delegate's participation in that particular committee. Individual committee awards will be given out at closing ceremonies.