

# Junior Civitan International Awards

The following awards will be presented annually at the Junior Civitan International Convention. Nominees from club categories must achieve recognition on the district level to submit for international competition. Application must be made with the official nomination form and must be received at Junior Civitan International, One Civitan Place, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1983, USA, or must be submitted through the electronic nomination forms no later than June 1.

Junior Civitan International awards are judged by a panel of community and civic leaders with experience in various youth groups and projects. Judging will be held prior to the convention.

All judging is based on activities from June of the previous Junior Civitan year through June of the current year only. **Individuals may compete in only one category.** All nomination packets received by mail must be standard 8½ by 11 inch pages.

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## Community Project of the Year\*

This award recognizes the top three clubs with the single most outstanding community project during the year. Ongoing campaigns of multiple projects are not eligible. Two nominations may be submitted from each district or geographic area where a club exists. Nominations must be submitted by the district Junior Civitan chair. First, second, and third places will be awarded.

Judging criteria: impact and effectiveness of project: 50%; originality of project and organization involved: 25%; participation of members: 25%

## Campus Project of the Year\*

This category honors the top three clubs with the single most outstanding campus project during the year. Ongoing campaigns of multiple projects are not eligible. Two nominations may be submitted from each district or geographic areas where a club exists. Nominations must be submitted by the district Junior Civitan chair. First, second, and third places will be awarded.

Judging criteria: impact and effectiveness of project: 50%; originality of project and organization involved: 25%; participation of members: 25%

## Environmental Project of the Year\*

This award recognizes the top three clubs with the single most outstanding environmental project during the year. Ongoing campaigns of multiple projects are not eligible. Two nominations may be submitted from each district or geographic area where a club exists. Nominations must be submitted by the district Junior Civitan chair. First, second, and third places will be awarded.

Judging criteria: impact and effectiveness of project: 50%; originality of project and organization involved: 25%; participation of members: 25%

## Joint Project of the Year\*

Awards are made by Junior Civitan International and Civitan International to Junior and senior Civitan clubs which have conducted the top three most outstanding projects during the Junior Civitan fiscal year. An awards committee of Junior and senior Civitans should work together to prepare the nomination. **Two** nominations may be submitted from each district or geographic area where Junior and senior Civitan clubs exist. All nominations must be submitted by the Junior and senior district governors. First, second, and third places will be awarded.

**Note:** Due to the large turnover in Junior Civitan members each year, this award will be judged and presented from July 1 to June 30 of each Junior Civitan fiscal year. Junior and Civitan club presidents in office at the time of the project will receive recognition at the time award winners are announced.

Judging criteria: impact and effectiveness of project: 50%; originality of project and organization involved: 25%; participation of members: 25%

## Ongoing Campaign of the Year\*

This award recognizes the top three clubs with the most outstanding ongoing campaign during the year. Single projects are not eligible for this award. Any aspect of service or fundraising can be considered for the nomination including environmental, social causes, community, campus, joint projects, etc. Pictures, publicity received, letters of recommendation, etc. are encouraged. Two nominations may be submitted per district. Only the one, most outstanding campaign will be recognized.

Judging criteria: impact and effectiveness of project: 50%; originality of project and organization involved: 25%; participation of members: 25%

## Advisor of the Year\*\*

The most outstanding advisor during the past year will be recognized with this award. This person may be a school faculty advisor or an advisor who is a representative appointed by the sponsoring Civitan club. Co-advisors may submit jointly and the nominee does not need to be a senior Civitan. Nomination must include a 250-word statement describing why the person deserves this recognition. Nominations must be submitted by the district Junior Civitan chair.

Judging criteria: club progress and activities: 35%; special contributions to his or her club: 25%; participation in district and international activities and projects: 20%; leadership and initiative: 20%

## Club President of the Year\*\*

The most outstanding club officer/president will be honored. The award will be based upon the individuals' leadership and ability to increase the club's involvement and achievement during the past year. A 250-word statement describing why the person deserves to be recognized must accompany the nomination. This statement may be written and submitted by the district Junior Civitan chair or by members of the nominating club. A club may submit a nomination for the president and/or most outstanding officer.

Judging criteria: club progress and activities: 35%; special contributions to his or her club: 25%; participation in district and international activities and projects: 20%; leadership and initiative: 20%

### **Club Officer of the Year\*\***

The most outstanding club officer having shown to be worthy of this award by virtue of accomplishments throughout the year will be honored.

Judging criteria: club progress and activities: 35%; special contributions to his or her club: 25%; participation in district and international activities and projects: 20%; leadership and initiative: 20%

### **Junior Civitan of the Year\*\***

International Honor Keys will be presented to the two members who, having received nomination of their district (only one nomination for male and one for female per district), exemplify most the ideals of Junior Civitan. Participation in activities on all levels will be considered and information for only the current year should be included. No district may enter its Junior Civitan governor in the competition for the Civitan of the Year award and no international officer may be nominated. Each recipient will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Judging criteria: club progress and activities: 25%; participation in district and international activities and projects: 25%; leadership and initiative: 25%; special contributions to his or her club: 25%

### **Club of the Year\***

This award recognizes the top three clubs which have proven to be outstanding through the organization of club projects, participation in district and international in general and through growth as a club numerically or internally. Two nominations may be made from each Junior Civitan district or geographic area where a Junior Civitan club exists. Nominations must be submitted by the district Junior Civitan chair. First, second, and third places will be awarded.

Judging criteria: community and service projects including participation of members throughout the year: 40%; participation in district and international activities and projects: 30%; impact of projects: 20%; club progress, including internal and numerical growth in past year: 10%. Club of the year must also receive Honor Club or Honor Club of Distinction status.

### **District Project of the Year**

This award will recognize the top three districts conducting the most outstanding district-wide project during the year. Nominations must be submitted by the district Junior Civitan chair.

Judging criteria: participation of clubs in project: 30%; usefulness of project: 25%; originality of project and organization involved: 25%; impact of project: 20%

### **District Officer of the Year\*\***

The most outstanding district officer having shown to be worthy of this award by virtue of accomplishments throughout the year will be honored.

Judging criteria: district progress and activities: 35%; special contributions to his or her district: 25%; participation in district and international activities and projects: 20%; leadership and initiative: 20%

### **District Chair of the Year\*\***

The most outstanding district Junior Civitan chair who has shown to be worthy of this award by virtue of the past year's activities will be honored. Co-chairs may submit jointly.

Judging criteria: district progress and activities: 35%; leadership and initiative: 30%; special contributions to his or her district: 25%; district progress, including internal and numerical growth in past year: 10%

### **Governor of the Year\*\***

The most outstanding Junior governor who has shown to be worthy of this award by virtue of outstanding accomplishments throughout the year will be recognized. Letters of recommendation, pictures, awards, etc. may be included.

Judging criteria: district progress and activities: 35%; special contributions to his or her district: 25%; participation in district and international activities and projects: 20%; leadership and initiative: 20%

### **District of the Year**

This award will recognize the top three districts which have proven to be outstanding through the organization of district projects, participation in Junior Civitan International in general and growth as a district internally and numerically. Pictures, publicity and description of activities may be included.

Judging criteria: district-wide projects, meetings and events including participation of clubs: 35%; internal and numerical growth in past year: 30%; participation of district in international events and projects: 25%; publicity and promotion of district to clubs including email, web presence, social media, etc.: 10%

### **Distinguished Governor and Distinguished Governor of Excellence**

Any governor attaining 350 points on the Distinguished Governor application is designated as a Distinguished Governor. A governor who attains 425 points on the Distinguished Governor application is designated as a Distinguished Governor of Excellence. Each individual achieving Distinguished Governor of Excellence status will have his or her name appear on the plaque currently displayed in the World Headquarters building in recognition of these outstanding individuals.

### **Honor District and Honor District of Distinction Honor District of Excellence**

Each district will be eligible for the Honor District and Honor District of Distinction awards by achieving the criteria outlined in the application.

### **Honor Club and Honor Club of Distinction**

Each club is eligible for an Honor Club or Honor Club of Distinction by meeting the criteria outlined in the nomination form published on the website or in this manual. All Honor Clubs and Honor Clubs of Distinction will be recognized at the annual international convention. There is no limit on the number of clubs recognized per district.

### **Growth Awards**

1. District chartering the most new clubs;
2. District with the largest numerical membership increase;
3. District with the largest percentage membership increase.

### **Foundation Awards**

1. District with the largest overall contribution;
2. District with the largest per capita contribution;
3. Club with the largest overall contribution;
4. Club with the largest per capita contribution.

\* District may submit two nominations for an international award in these categories only.

\*\* Judging for these categories will emphasize activities of the current fiscal year.

