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2007 AWARDS MANUAL

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2007 DEADLINES

Except as noted elsewhere or announced by the Awards Program Manager, the following are the deadlines for 2007:

Governorship

- Postmarked 30 days prior to the Friday of the convention at which the award is being presented

Project Books

- First, second and third quarter: your chapter’s region meeting
- Fourth quarter and year-end: to be announced

Mid-Year Reports (for competition)

- Second Quarter Convention

Giessenbier, Area of Opportunity and Specialized Programming Reports

- 2007 Year-End Convention (January 2008)

Award Nominations

- Postmarked/e-mailed 15 days prior to the Friday of the convention at which the awards are being presented.
 - Note: check with your district and region directors for district and region award deadlines.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Areas of Opportunity

Chapter Single Project and chapter Annual Report award entries are judged and recognized in four categories. These categories are known as the Areas of Opportunity. The Areas are categories in which a successful and well-rounded chapter excels. Based on question one of the Chairman's Planning Guide (the primary purpose), all chapter projects and chapter and state annual reports are entered into national competition based on these categories. In addition, Commissions are used to further classify chapter projects. Commissions provide additional means for chapters and states to develop and to offer balanced programs to their members and communities. For more information on the Areas of Opportunity, please refer to the *2007 United States Junior Chamber Awards Manual*.

Membership recruitment activities would be included in all Areas of Opportunity. It is expected that when chapters set goals in each opportunity area, membership goals will be included in each area as well.

Business Area of Opportunity

Embodying the line of the Jaycees Creed that states, "Economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise," this area provides an opportunity for individual members to contribute to the development and enhancement of the economic infrastructure, prosperity, and well being for all nations.

Almost all members of Junior Chamber are involved in some business activity – working on their own, for another company, or preparing to open their own business. The Junior Chamber was established in 1920 to give young people an active voice in the business community. This same purpose is now found in the Business Area of Opportunity and divided into four Commissions:

Marketing and Public Relations Commission

Projects in this Commission are conducted to promote the image of your chapter and the Junior Chamber movement in the community. Some examples are external awards programs like Distinguished Service Awards or Business Sponsor Awards, parades, pageants, newsletters, ongoing public relations work and training in marketing and public relations.

Examples

- Parades
- Public Service Announcements (PSAs)
- Chapter Web Site
- Chapter Newsletter
- Articles in Local Newspaper
- Distinguished Service Awards
- Business Sponsor Awards
- USJC "Unknown at Home" Training Module

Strategic Planning Commission

This includes all projects involving recordkeeping and reporting, planning, needs analysis and evaluation. Examples include developing Chairman's Planning Guides, creating, reviewing and revising a chapter business plan and any other short-term or long-term planning and evaluation. Training in the above activities would also be included here.

Examples

- Membership Survey
- Community Survey
- Board Meetings
- Board Retreats
- Blue Chip
- Chapter Business Plan
- Chapter Mid-Year Review
- Annual Report
- Long-Range Planning Committee
- CPG Training
- "CPG Night"
- USJC "Vision, Mission and Strategy" Training Module
- USJC "The Plan" Training Module

Financial Management Commission

This Commission ensures that the chapter's finances are handled in a proper way and looks for ways to enhance the financial stability of the chapter. Any project run with the primary purpose of raising funds for the chapter would go here.

Examples

- Chapter Fundraisers
- Chapter Insurance

Business Opportunities Commission

Projects in this Commission give chapters the chance to enhance the economics of the community by conducting projects to increase business productivity. Economic progress can be achieved by partnering with the local Chamber of Commerce, organizing small investment clubs, visiting successful companies to learn how they conduct their business, and by inviting successful entrepreneurs to speak at monthly meetings. Junior Chambers can also conduct training sessions on how to enhance company operations and promote free enterprise as the best way to achieve economic justice.

Examples

- Local Business Tours
- Chapter Incorporation
- USJC "Entrepreneurs Program"

Community Area of Opportunity

Embodying the line of the Jaycee Creed that states, "Service to humanity is the best work of life," this area develops the sensitivity of individual members to societal problems, and knowledge of community dynamics in solving these problems, through actual experience. Like all citizens, Junior Chamber members have a stake in the betterment of their communities.

The Community Area of Opportunity is built around four Commissions. Below are some basic concepts under these four classifications:

Community Service Commission

This Commission involves projects that are designed to promote or improve the quality of life for people in the community. This includes projects that deal directly with people such as elderly assistance, mental health and retardation, and health and safety. Projects dealing with properties, economic development, energy and the environment would also be included here. Note: youth projects would be listed under the Children and Youth Commission (Community) and state, national and international Junior Chamber priority projects would be under the State, National and International Junior Chamber Involvement Commission (International).

Examples

- Projects for the Underprivileged
- Park Clean-Up
- Projects for the Elderly

Community Fundraising Commission

Projects in this Commission deal with the direct raising of funds for a specific non-Jaycee program. This includes fundraising for local disaster or emergency assistance, health related organizations, foundations and any organized community charities.

Examples

- Red Cross Disaster Assistance Fund Raising
- American Cancer Society

Government and Civic Involvement Commission

These are projects that deal with all areas of involvement with the local, state and national governmental process. Projects include town forums, debates, “Get Out The Vote”, advocacy issues, criminal justice projects, etc., as well as providing assistance to other civic organizations in the community.

Examples

- Town Hall Meetings
- “Get Out The Vote”
- Meet the Candidates
- Visit the Mayor
- City Council Meeting Visitations
- Assist with a Lions Club Project

Children and Youth Commission

This Commission’s responsibility is to promote and coordinate projects related to children and youth. As the future of our community lies in the hands of today’s young people, many projects should be conducted to ensure that young people are well prepared to take the community leadership roles in the years to come. Note: projects involving the children of non-Jaycees fall under this Commission. Family-related projects, where the children of Jaycees are involved with their Jaycee parents, may fall under the Personal Development Commission or the Chapter Activities Commission.

Examples

- Shooting Education
- Fingerprinting
- Building a Playground
- Summer Reading Program
- Local Punt, Pass and Kick
- Local Pitch, Hit and Run
- Easter Egg Hunt

Individual Area of Opportunity

Embodying the line of the Jaycee Creed that states, “Earth’s great treasure lies in human personality,” this area provides an opportunity for individual members to realize their personal potential through training programs.

While there is an Area of Opportunity for individual development, every single activity in the Junior Chamber organization is oriented to develop the potential and skills of the individual member. Active participation in activities in any of the Areas will give the member the opportunity to enhance his or her potential.

The Individual Area of Opportunity through its four Commissions ensures that new members are brought into the organization and are provided with training to fully develop their personal and professional potential:

Personal Development Commission

This Commission includes projects that improve the quality of life of the membership. Such projects provide education that benefits members in both their personal and professional lives. Training opportunities dedicated to the enhancement of a Jaycee member’s personal skill set (not related to official Jaycee responsibilities) and not specifically covered by another Area would be included here. Examples include training in the areas of family values, spiritual development, hobbies, retirement planning, time management, public speaking, communication skills, and the USJC competitions program.

Examples

- Financial Planning Training
- Retirement Planning
- Family Life Projects
- Spiritual Development Projects
- Hobbies
- Time Management
- Public Speaking
- USJC “No Time to Lose” Training Module
- USJC “Stress Management” Training Module
- USJC “Value Investing” Video Seminar
- USJC Competitions

Professional Development Commission

Projects aimed at developing members as leaders in their chapters and professions are the focus of this Commission. Examples include the leadership training, officer training, team building, “How to motivate others” courses, and other managerial training.

Examples

- LOTS (Local Officers Training School)
- Chairperson Training
- Officer Training
- “How to Motivate Others”
- Personnel Management Training
- Parliamentary Procedure Training
- USJC “Career Advancement” Training Program
- USJC “The Final Chapter” Training Program
- USJC “Super 7 – Seven Steps to Effective Chapter Management” Training Program

Membership Retention, Growth and New Chapters Commission

This Commission ensures that new members join the chapter regularly, receive proper orientation and are included in the chapter’s activities immediately after joining. Project examples include M-Nights, assisting another chapter with membership recruitment, new member orientations, establishing a new chapter and activation programs like Springboard and Degrees of Jaycees.

Examples

- Recruiting
- M-Night
- Chapter Extensions
- New Member Orientations
- Springboard
- Degrees of Jaycees
- USJC “Corporate Recruiting” Training Module
- USJC “Relationship Recruiting” Training Module
- USJC “The AIM Program” Training Module
- USJC “30 Checks, What’s Next?” Training Module
- USJC “It’s All Greek to Me” Training Module

Chapter Activities Commission

This Commission ensures that members have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of social activities, and that chapter meetings are well planned and members have the opportunity to participate in meeting procedures. Some examples include socials, chapter awards programs, chapter meetings, sports, etc.

Examples

- Chapter Socials
- Awards Program
- Chapter Sports Team
- General Membership Meetings

International Area of Opportunity

Embodying the line of the Jaycee Creed that states, “The brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations,” this area provides an opportunity for individual members to contribute to the development of goodwill, understanding, and cooperation among all peoples.

Programming in this area would encompass all projects and programs that enhance a member’s knowledge of different cultures and countries around the world. This includes the following two Commissions:

State, National and International Junior Chamber Involvement Commission

This Commission includes all state, USJC and JCI emphasis programs. Consult your state organization for a list of state programs. Note: chapter visitation programs would be included under this Commission. Chapter twinning would be included under the International Involvement Commission.

Examples

- Chapter Visitations
- State Priority Projects
- State Punt, Pass and Kick
- State Pitch, Hit and Run
- Jaycees Against Youth Smoking
- Outstanding Young Farmer
- Ten Outstanding Young Americans
- Junior Chamber Family AIDS Network
- Citizen’s Corps
- Family Talk
- East African Center
- Rebuilding Together
- JCI Prime, Achieve, etc.
- Best Business Plan in the World

International Involvement Commission

Projects in this Commission include those that provide assistance or promote understanding and communications between the chapter and people outside the United States. Junior Chamber members recognize the

fact that the present world problems can often be solved through international collaboration, tolerance and friendship. Members put this belief into practice by collaborating in joint worldwide projects.

Examples

- Chapter Twinning
- Food Drives for Other Countries
- International Guest Speakers
- “Halloween Around the World”

Guidelines

Since all Junior Chamber projects provide opportunities for members to enhance their potential, it can be difficult to determine how best to classify a project. While there are some exceptions noted below, in general if a project specifically involves training an individual member, it goes under one of the commissions in the Individual Area of Opportunity. Otherwise, it belongs in a Commission under one of the other Areas of Opportunity. For example, if the primary purpose of a project is to provide training on retirement planning, that project is classified under the Personal Development Commission of the Individual Area of Opportunity. On the other hand, if the chapter forms an investment club, that falls under the Business Opportunities Commission of the Business Area of Opportunity.

Some additional guidelines for determining how to classify individual development training projects:

- Does the project involve training in planning, analysis or evaluation, or in developing Chairman’s Planning Guides? If so, it goes under the Business Area of Opportunity and the Strategic Planning Commission.
- Does the project involve training on how successful businesses operate or how to start a business? If so, it goes under the Business Area of Opportunity and the Business Opportunities Commission.
- Is the project a USJC program like Jaycees Against Youth Smoking (JAYS) or a JCI training program like JCI Prime? If so, it goes under the International Area of Opportunity and the State, National and International Junior Chamber Involvement Commission.
- Does the project involve training the member about recruiting or about the Junior Chamber movement, its history, structure, etc. (for example, a new member orientation or a refresher course for existing members)? If so, it goes under the Individual Area of Opportunity and the Membership Retention, Growth and New Chapters Commission.
- Does the project involve training the member to be a leader in their chapter or workplace? Does it involve some sort of managerial training? If so, it goes under the Individual Area of Opportunity and the Professional Development Commission.
- Does the project involve improving a member and his or her family’s quality of life (like hobbies, retirement planning, spirituality or family values) or developing a member’s personal skills (such as public speaking, the USJC Competitions Program or basic automobile repairs)? If so, it goes under the Individual Area of Opportunity and the Personal Development Commission. Note, many projects in this Commission will have application to a member’s professional life, but unless they involve leadership or managerial training, they would go here.

Chapter Divisions

Chapter Single Project and Annual Report award entries are also judged in conjunction with chapters having similar membership bases. These are known as the chapter divisions. The USJC National Service Center assigns the chapter division based on the chapter’s January 1 base membership. The following are the chapter divisions:

Chapter Division	Base Membership
Division 1.....	0 – 20
Division 2.....	21 – 30
Division 3.....	31 – 50
Division 4.....	51 – 70
Division 5.....	71 – 90
Division 6.....	91 – 125
Division 7.....	126 – 200
Division 8.....	201+
Division 9.....	Institutional Chapters

Chapter Project Awards

Single Project Entry Awards

Chapter projects are judged each quarter and for the year. The project submission is known as the Single Project Area of Opportunity Award Entry, or Single Project Entry (SPE). This combines the Chairperson's Planning Guide (CPG) with the substantiating materials section described below. For additional information on the Single Project Award Entry and the Chairperson's Planning Guide, please refer to the *2007 United States Junior Chamber Awards Manual*.

Eligibility

Eligible Single Project Entry submissions are those that are for projects **completed** during the awards year for year-end judging, or completed during a particular quarter. Single Project Entry submissions that place first or second – regardless of chapter division – at regional competition in each Area of Opportunity during the first three quarters are eligible to compete for state awards. The date and time of fourth quarter and year-end project judging is to be announced. Any project book for the current awards year may be submitted for year-end judging, regardless of whether it had previously been submitted for judging.

Awards

Awards are given to the top two SPEs in each Area of Opportunity each quarter. Year-end books are initially judged by chapter division and Commission. The top two books per chapter division and Commission are eligible to be submitted for national competition. Year-end awards are presented to the top three SPEs per Area of Opportunity.

How to Enter

For the first three quarters, submit your properly assembled project books – along with a \$3 entry fee per book – to be judged at your region meeting. Turn in fourth quarter and year-end books at year-end book judging, along with the \$3 entry fee per book. Books that will be judged for both fourth quarter and year-end are eligible for awards for both and therefore must pay an entry fee for both.

Judges Requirements

Chapters are required to provide one judge for every three books submitted at the first three quarterly region meetings and at year-end book judging. For a number that is not a multiple of three, the number of judges required is always rounded up (i.e., four books submitted means the chapter must provide two judges). For example, if a chapter submits six books for fourth quarter competition and a total of sixteen books for year-end competition, that chapter must provide eight judges total: two for the third fourth books and six for the year-end books.

Rules and Suggestions for Single Project Entries

1. The purpose of the Single Project Entry is to allow chapters and chairpersons an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments. Impact is MORE important than format.
2. The project **MUST** be outlined using the CPG format with the completed CPG form as a cover page for the CPG section (tab one).
3. Chapters **MUST** have their state bills paid in full at the time of judging to be eligible.
4. A three-dollar fee per book submitted for judging must be paid at the time of submission. Books submitted for both third-quarter and year-end judging are six dollars – three for third-quarter and three for year-end.
5. Recognition is to be conferred on the basis of progress of projects between January 1 and December 31. Projects need to be completed to receive recognition. The project can be started the previous year but needs to be finished during the award year. For first, second or third quarter awards, the project needs to have been completed during that quarter.
6. A specific project may be entered in only one of the 14 Commissions.
7. The Single Project notebook shall be limited to a total of 30 pages, including the CPG (tab one) and substantiating sections (tabs two through seven) and excluding the Awards Entry Form, tab dividers and front and back covers.
8. Up to seven pages can be multiple-page documents. The CPG – including the CPG form – is the first multiple-page document and **MUST** be behind tab one. Multiple-page documents include such items as magazines, bulletins, manuals, agendas and newsletters. Each of the above may be counted as a multiple-page document. A

collection of related items (photographs, receipts, newspaper clippings, agendas from different months, etc.) is NOT considered to be a multiple-page document.

9. A page shall be one-sided on a sheet of paper and each page shall be numbered. Each multiple page shall be numbered Multiple Page No. 1, Multiple Page No. 2, etc., in addition to the overall page numbers. For example, a radio broadcast transcript included in the substantiating material might be numbered Page 7, Multiple Page No. 2. This means it was the seventh page of the thirty allowed and the second multiple-page document in the Single Project Entry. The CPG was Page 1, Multiple Page No. 1 and the Budget Sheet/Financial Statement was Page 2.
10. White (8-½" × 11") paper should be used for all materials in the entry. This will permit photocopying. Originals of substantiating material that are not on white paper, i.e., magazines and flyers, are excluded from this requirement unless they have been photocopied.
11. Cardboard or extra heavy paper should not be used.
12. Photographs that best substantiate the project should be included.
13. A label with the following information is required on the front cover:

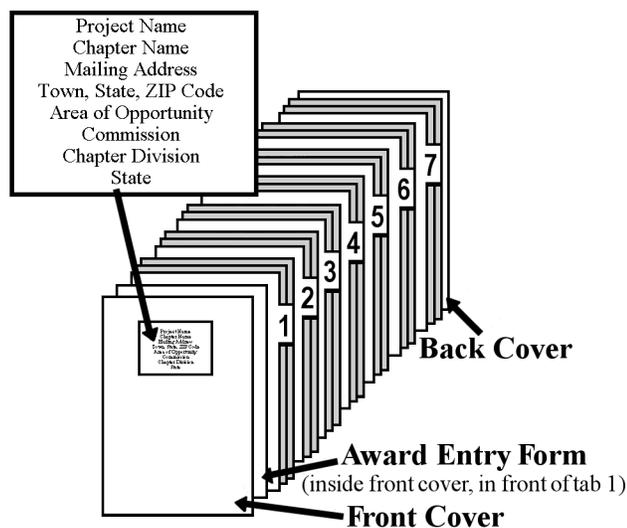
Name of Project
Chapter name
Chapter mailing address
City, State, ZIP Code
Area of Opportunity
Commission
Chapter division number (nationally assigned)
State

14. No chapter will be disqualified if its presentation is not typed; however, it must be understood that the neatness of the presentation will reflect the amount of pride a chapter has in its accomplishments. This could be the deciding factor in selecting the winner between two equal projects.

The primary purpose of the project/program will identify in which Commission and Area of Opportunity the project should be entered. For example, if the primary purpose was to raise money for a charitable organization, the Single Project Entry would be included in the Community Fundraising Commission of the Community Area of Opportunity. If the primary purpose was to raise money for administration of the chapter, the Single Project Entry would be included in the Financial Management Commission of the Business Area of Opportunity.

NOTE: Many projects may not have material in each substantiation area. Only valuable information should be included. Tabs are not needed if there is no material. The Financial Management tab must have some materials; at least a financial sheet with proposed and actual budgets.

The following is an example of the Single Project Entry Guidelines:



FRONT COVER

AWARDS ENTRY FORM

Inside front cover, in front of tab 1.

TAB 1: Chairman's Planning Guide

Include the CPG Form and the completed Chairman's Planning Guide, questions 1-10.

TAB 2: Financial Management

Include the Budget Sheet/Financial Statement.

This is the document that demonstrates the planned and actual expenses and income. Copies of statements, receipts, etc., may be included as supporting documentation.

TAB 3: Planning/Training

Include any committee meeting notes, reports, surveys, or correspondence documenting the need for the plan and purpose of the project.

TAB 4: Communications

Include all correspondence (both incoming and outgoing), newsletter articles, chapter fliers, and minutes, etc.

TAB 5: Personnel Management

Include a participation list of Jaycee and non-Jaycee involvement, records used to support activities on the project, and new member recruits, etc.

TAB 6: Public Relations

Include promotional materials, news clippings, communications to the public, transcripts of radio and TV spots broadcast, etc.

TAB 7: Photographs

Photo documentation of the project provides an excellent, usable record for future project chairmen.

BACK COVER

Faith in God Award

This award is designed to honor the chapter that runs the most outstanding religious project during the year.

How to Enter

A Single Project Entry must be submitted to year-end judging for a project to be considered for this award. Please make sure that your entry is clearly labeled. It is suggested you either use two labels on your book or prepare two separate entries.

Impact Project of the Quarter/Year

Up to three projects are selected by each programming vice president as the Impact Projects of the Quarter and for the year. An overall impact project of the quarter and of the year will also be selected.

How to Enter

All Chapter Project Transmittal Form/Award Nomination Form that have the "Award Nomination" section completed and are submitted to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline will be considered. Only those projects that have nomination forms submitted for them will be considered, and a project may be entered in only one category. Projects do not have to be submitted for Impact Project of the Year, unless they (a) weren't previously submitted, or (b) the chapter wishes to include new information not on the Transmittal Form/Award Nomination Form submitted earlier in the year.

State Fundraising Recognition

The Nebraska Junior Chamber will recognize the outstanding chapter in the state each quarter for state fundraising and state priority projects, determined by the largest amount raised. A year-end plaque will go to the overall outstanding chapter, also based on dollars raised. The 2007 priority projects include:

- Nebraska Junior Chamber Scholarship Fund
- Nebraska Jaycee Disaster Relief Fund
- Nebraska Jaycee Foundation
- American/Nebraska Cancer Society
- Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Care for Kids

How to Enter

Money raised for state fundraising projects must be submitted by the announced awards nomination deadline to be included in your chapter's total. Money raised for state priority projects is verified through project transmittals to the State Administrative Vice President.

Chapter Annual Report Awards

In addition to the Single Project Area of Opportunity awards, local chapters also compete for awards based on the chapter's Annual Report. These are known as the Chapter Annual Report Awards. Chapters may submit for competition an overall Annual Report – the Giessenbier – and reports covering each of the four Areas of Opportunity.

Chapter Annual Report awards encompass the areas of activity of a successful chapter based on surveys and evaluations. The Annual Report should incorporate the chapter's activities and periodic evaluations into a year-end summary of the results of the chapter's initial business plan. Annual Report goals and results need to be grouped according to the Areas of Opportunity for judging.

These seven items must be included in both your Giessenbier Annual Report and your Area of Opportunity Reports in some format:

1. Summary and evaluation from President
2. Financial statement
3. Chapter business plan including any revisions to the plan created from the periodic evaluation
4. Report of activities including specific and measurable accomplishments and areas of impact
5. Problems encountered and action taken
6. Revised chapter strengths and weaknesses
7. Recommendations for the future

Each Area of Opportunity book MUST include copies of each of the seven items listed above. See the *2007 United States Junior Chamber Awards Manual* for additional suggestions for preparing your annual report award entries.

Mid-Year Reports

Awards are given to the top mid-year report in each of the four Areas of Opportunity and the top overall (Giessenbier) report, regardless of chapter division. The time frame for these books is January 1 through June 30, and judging is done at the Second Quarter Convention. Mid-year reports follow the same format – and have the same requirements – as the annual reports. These awards are designed to encourage chapters to perform a mid-year review, plus make the process of assembling the year-end annual reports easier.

How to Enter

Submit your mid-year reports for judging at the Second Quarter Convention. Note: there is no entry fee for mid-year reports.

Annual Reports

Awards are presented to the top two chapter Area of Opportunity and Giessenbier Annual Reports in each chapter division. These reports are then eligible for national competition. Judging is done at the Year-End Convention in January.

How to Enter

Submit your Giessenbier Annual Report and your Area of Opportunity Annual Reports for judging at the Year-End Convention. A \$3 entry fee per book for the Giessenbier and each Area of Opportunity book is required.

Area of Opportunity Annual Reports Awards

The Area of Opportunity Annual Report covers the chapter's planning, activities and evaluation in one of the four Areas of Opportunity. Up to two places in each chapter division, plus an overall winner in each Area of Opportunity, are recognized. Judging is based on the chapter's overall IMPACT in that Area of Opportunity. As noted above, each Area of Opportunity Annual Report must include all seven of the required items. It is recommended that chapters prepare their Giessenbier Annual Report first, and then break it down into the four Areas of Opportunity to assemble these reports. Note: as long as your president's letter, financial statement, problems encountered/actions taken, beginning and revised strengths and weaknesses and recommendations for the future are broken down by Area of Opportunity in your Giessenbier Annual Report, you may include complete copies of each of those items in each Area of Opportunity book. However, the chapter plan and activities report should only cover the specific Area of Opportunity being reported.

Giessenbier Annual Report Award

The Giessenbier Annual Report Award recognizes up to the top two chapters in each chapter division, based on judging of their Giessenbier Annual Report submission. Judging is based on the overall IMPACT the chapter made in its community and on its members. Chapters are encouraged to prepare their Giessenbier submissions in such a way as to make assembling the individual Area of Opportunity reports easier.

Milestone Award

The Nebraska Junior Chamber annually presents the Milestone Award to the first-year chapter that conducted the most outstanding activities during their first year of affiliation. The year of affiliation must be CONCLUDED during the award year, January 1 through December 31.

The same criteria and format used for the Giessenbier Annual Report is used and judging is based **only** on the first 12 months of the chapter's activities. If the Milestone winner was also the first-place chapter division winner in Giessenbier judging, the entry can also be considered for the "Granddaddy" Giessenbier Award.

"Granddaddy" Giessenbier Award

The "Granddaddy" Giessenbier Award is the highest achievement a Junior Chamber chapter can attain in the Nebraska Jaycees. The chapter receiving this award is chosen from the first-place Giessenbier award winners and is recognized as the number one Junior Chamber chapter in Nebraska.

Specialized Programming Reports

International Relations Award

This award is designed to honor the chapter that becomes the most involved in the international aspects of Jaycees. With this competition and award, the Nebraska Jaycees are emphasizing international involvement and stressing that each member of the Nebraska Junior Chamber is also a member of Junior Chamber International and that they have a voice to be heard round the world.

How to Enter

To be eligible for this award, a chapter must submit an annual report containing Chapter Project Transmittal/Award Nomination forms for all projects run in the International Involvement Commission of the International Area of Opportunity. Only the transmittal forms need to be submitted. The top overall chapter,

regardless of chapter division, will be recognized. This entry must be submitted to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline for year-end awards.

“Coach Ed” Sportsman Award

The purpose of the “Coach Ed” Sportsman Award is to provide recognition for the Jaycee chapters that conduct the outstanding youth programs throughout the year. Through this recognition an incentive is created for all Jaycee chapters to actively conduct complete youth programs within their community. This award is presented in honor of Edwin F. Dosiek.

How to Enter

Chapters desiring to compete for this award must submit an annual report containing Chapter Project Transmittal/Award Nomination forms for all the youth programs conducted during the award year. Only the transmittal forms need to be submitted. The top overall chapter, regardless of chapter division, will be recognized. This entry must be submitted to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline for year-end awards.

Ed Burke Governmental Involvement Award

Named in honor of Ed Burke, past president of the Nebraska Jaycees, this award is presented annually to the Nebraska Jaycee chapter which best exemplifies community service by involving itself in governmental involvement projects, both on an individual Jaycee and chapter basis.

How to Enter

To be eligible for this award, a chapter must submit an annual report containing Chapter Project Transmittal/Award Nomination forms for all the government projects conducted during the award year. In addition, a summary letter must be included describing the participation of its individuals in governmental affairs, the chapter’s overall governmental involvement program and overall chapter membership participation in the program. The top overall chapter, regardless of chapter division, will be recognized. This entry must be submitted to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline for year-end awards.

Outstanding Public Relations Chapter Award

This award is presented annually to the Nebraska Jaycee chapter which best utilizes all forms of public relations in promoting the chapter and its programs.

How to Enter

To be eligible for this award, a chapter must submit an annual report containing Chapter Project Transmittal/Award Nomination forms for all the public relations projects conducted during the award year. The inclusion of substantiating material will make it easier to judge the quality of the chapter’s public relations program. A summary letter should also be included, detailing all the different types of public relations used. The following are just a few examples: newspaper, radio, television, posters, fliers, local newsletters, proclamations, billboards, marquees, the Internet, and more. The top overall chapter, regardless of chapter division, will be recognized. This entry must be submitted to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline for year-end awards.

Area of Opportunity Impact Chapter of the Quarter

Up to three chapters in each Area of Opportunity are recognized as the Impact Chapter of the Quarter, based on their programming in that Area. These awards are replaced by the Area of Opportunity Annual Reports at year-end.

Impact Chapter of the Quarter

The chapter that is judged to have the best overall programming is recognized as the Impact Chapter of the Quarter. This award is replaced by the “Granddaddy” Giessenbier Award at year-end.

How to Enter

To be eligible for impact chapter awards, chapters must be submitting their Chapter Project Transmittal forms to the state’s State Administrative Vice President. The Executive Committee of the Nebraska Junior Chamber

selects the recipients. These awards are not awarded for year-end as the Annual Report awards recognize chapters for their impact on their communities and their members.

Outstanding Chapter Newsletter

The Nebraska Junior Chamber recognizes the top three newsletters, regardless of chapter division, each quarter and for the year. To be considered for this award, the chapter must publish a newsletter at least monthly during the period of the award, and copies of the newsletter must be sent to the State President, Programming Vice Presidents and the State Publications Program Manager.

How to Enter

All chapters that are regularly publishing newsletters and sending copies of them to the State President, the Programming Vice Presidents and the State Publications Program Manager will be considered.

Outstanding Chapter Web Site

The Nebraska Junior Chamber presents an award to the most outstanding chapter Web site each quarter and for the year. To be considered, the following minimum criteria must be met:

1. These pages must not be part of a personal home page.
2. These pages must be dedicated to the chapter and chapter business.
3. There must be a minimum of two pages.
4. The Web site must have a Board of Directors page.
5. There must be a statement of purpose and mission statement.
6. There must be recent chapter projects with a minimum of two listed.
7. There must be one or more links to community Web sites.
8. There must be links to the Nebraska Junior Chamber, U.S. Junior Chamber and Junior Chamber International Web sites and all links on the site must work.

How to Enter

All chapter Web sites that have a working link in the “Chapter Links” section of the Nebraska Junior Chamber Web site will be considered for this award.

Ernie Schneider Award (Chapter Visitations)

The purpose of this award is to encourage chapter visitations and attendance at District, Region and State meetings. It is named after past state president Ernie Schneider of North Platte and is presented annually to the chapter with the highest total person miles accumulated during the previous year. The top chapter each quarter is also recognized at that quarter’s state convention.

Rules and Requirements

1. The time frame for the competition is the Jaycee calendar year, January 1 through December 31.
2. At least three chapter members must attend the visitation to qualify in the competition. State Executive Board members (see NEJC Bylaw 8-11) may count only if the officer is accompanied by at least three qualifying members from his or her chapter. District Directors may count if he or she is accompanied by at least three qualifying members from his or her chapter when visiting an assigned chapter. When visiting chapters outside of their district, District Directors are counted the same as regular chapter members.
3. The president or project chairperson of the visited local chapter must certify the visiting chapter’s attendance. Any state officer in attendance may certify attendance at District, Region or State meetings.
4. Round-trip mileage is awarded for each chapter visited in a given day.
5. Visits to multiple-day projects, i.e., state and national conventions, count as ONE visitation.
6. Only one visitation per chapter per day may be counted, i.e., a social following a meeting or project hosted by the same chapter may not be counted as a separate visitation.
7. Out-of-state visitations will be limited to the furthest point in an adjoining state that has been traveled across. All of the above conditions will also apply to out-of-state visitations.
8. Send forms and sign-in sheets to the Ernie Schneider Program Manager. All forms are due by the 5th of the month in order to guarantee recognition at convention.

Note: to be eligible for the quarter and annual awards, the Program Manager must receive a copy of the visitation form prior to convention. If the forms are sent late your chapter may not receive the recognition that it has earned.

Bob Peterson Parade of Chapters Award

The Nebraska Junior Chamber recognizes up to the top 20 chapters each quarter and annually in the Parade of Chapters competition. Points are awarded for running projects, recruiting, retention, etc. and chapters are ranked according to their point total. The number one chapter at year-end is presented with the Bob Peterson Parade of Chapters Award. For more information, see the *2007 Nebraska Jaycees Parade of Chapters Manual* or contact the Parade of Chapters Program Manager.

COMPETITIONS

The Nebraska Junior Chamber's Competition Program is designed to help promote the skills of its members in the areas of speaking, writing, debating, and interviewing. These competitions help members become more confident in presenting themselves verbally and in written format; skills that can be transferred to a member's personal and professional life.

Anyone eligible to compete may do so at the first, second and third quarter conventions and the fourth quarter region meetings. Individuals who place first, second or third at the first, second or third quarter conventions advance to year-end competition. First and second places at a fourth quarter region meeting advance to year-end competition. Year-end competitions are held at the Year-End Convention.

The first place winners of second quarter competitions are eligible to compete at the USJC TOYA/Annual Meeting in September, while the first place winners at the year-end competitions are eligible to represent Nebraska at the USJC Year-End Celebration in March. The Jaycee Idol competition will be held during the NEJC first quarter convention and appropriate winners submitted to the USJC Idol committee for potential selection for the USJC Idol at the USJC TOYA/Annual Meeting in September. Note: portfolio competitions are not held at either the NEJC First Quarter Convention or the USJC TOYA/Annual Meeting.

There is a \$3 entry fee per competitor per competition at all competitions except year-end. There is no charge for participating in the novice competitions.

General Guidelines for All Competitions

Eligibility

Except for the novice competitions, to be eligible to compete in a given competition a competitor **MUST** be eligible to represent Nebraska in that event at USJC national competitions. See the *2007 United States Junior Chamber Awards Manual* for eligibility requirements for each competition. In addition, past Nebraska year-end first place winners of a given competition – regardless of whether they have competed at nationals or not – are ineligible in that event. Jaycee Idol competitors may continue to compete at state competitions until such time that they are chosen by the USJC Idol committee to compete at the USJC TOYA/Annual Meeting in September.

In the event that the first, second or third place competitors from a Second Quarter TOYA qualifying competition are not able to attend TOYA, at the discretion of the Competitions Program Manager, the first quarter's competitors may be invited to represent the state.

If an individual qualifies for the national competition in more than one event, they shall be allowed the opportunity to compete in each event for which they qualified at the discretion of the Competitions Program Manager and Individual Development Vice President.

The novice competitions are only open to members who have never competed in any of the regular competitions before. A member can only compete in a particular novice competition once. Current or past chapter or state officers are not eligible for the novice competitions. There are no year-end novice competitions.

Dress

Contestants are encouraged to wear business professional attire during competition. Military uniforms are considered business professional attire. No chapter or state uniforms, badges, pins or buttons will be allowed. A membership pin of the USJC is allowed and encouraged, but will have no impact on the competitor's score.

Individual Competitions

Write-Up

Write-Up competition is held to determine the most outstanding writers in the Nebraska Junior Chamber for that year. It is not the intent of this award to recognize professional writers. The winning essay from the year-end competition will be published in the official publication of The Nebraska Junior Chamber.

Judging Procedure

The essay will be judged on the basis of the comprehension and clarity of the topic, format of presentation (logic), development of the essay (creativity), and mechanics. Contestants should take care not to identify their chapter in their essays. An impromptu topic will be given to all contestants at the beginning of the competition. Each contestant will have 30 minutes to complete the impromptu topic.

Novice Write-Up

Like Novice Speak-Up, Novice Write-Up is held to encourage newer members to participate in the Nebraska Junior Chamber's competitions program. A topic will be announced no later than one month prior to the competition. Contestants will bring their two- to three-page essay on that topic to the state convention for judging.

Judging Procedure

Novice Write-Up will be judged using the same form as regular Write-Up.

Jaycee Jeopardy

Jaycee Jeopardy is a question-and-answer contest dealing mainly with the history of the Junior Chamber organization, its officers, goals, and activities. The competition is held to determine the most outstanding historians in the Nebraska Junior Chamber for that year. Sources of information may include *The Jaycee Book*, *Jaycees Magazine*, *A Legacy of Leadership* (the 75th anniversary history book), the NEJC ACT Book, the NEJC, USJC and JCI Web sites and various state and USJC publications.

Judging Procedure

The contestants will be judged on the number of correct answers given. For the preliminary round, a questionnaire will be given to all contestants at the beginning of the competition. Each contestant will have 30 minutes to answer the questions. For year-end competition, a finalists' round may also be held, with up to five contestants advancing to the finals. If held, the finalists' competition is an oral round, "Jeopardy" style. Spectators are not allowed during the written test portion of the competition, but are encouraged to watch the final round.

Speak-Up

Speak-Up competition is held to determine the most outstanding speakers in the Nebraska Junior Chamber for that year. It is not the intent of this award to recognize professional speakers. The first-place winner must deliver his or her winning prepared speech at the excitement seminar Sunday morning at convention.

Time Limits

The time limit for the prepared speech is five to ten minutes and is three to five minutes for the impromptu speech.

Judging Procedure

The contestants will be judged on the basis of their delivery, speech content, salesmanship, and continuity utilizing a speech evaluation sheet. Contestants should take care not to identify their chapter in either their prepared or impromptu speeches. For year-end competition, a finalists' round may be held, consisting of an impromptu speech on a common topic. All other state and regional Speak-Up competitions will consist of the prepared speech only. The topic will be given announced two weeks prior to the competition. Note cards will be not allowed during the competition in accordance with national guidelines. Props will not be allowed in any of the speeches.

Note: if a final round is held, winners of the award will be determined strictly by final round scores.

Novice Speak-Up

Novice Speak-Up is held to encourage newer members to begin participating in the competition program. The judging process is the same as the regular Speak-Up competition; however, only a prepared speech is given and the time limit is five to seven minutes. The topic will be announced no later than one month prior to the competition. Note cards are allowed.

Judging Procedure

Novice Speak-Up will be judged using the same form as regular Speak-Up.

Master's Speak-Up

The Master's Speak-Up competition provides eligible state officers and local chapter presidents the opportunity to compete while in office. The format and judging procedure for this competition is the same as for the Speak-Up competition. For year-end competition, two rounds may be held consisting of a prepared speech for the preliminaries and an impromptu speech in the finals. All other state and regional Master's Speak-Up competitions will consist of the impromptu round only. See "Time Limits" under Speak-Up for the impromptu and prepared speech time requirements.

Note: if a final round is held, winners of the award will be determined strictly by final round scores.

Judging Procedure

Master's Speak-Up will be judged using the same form as regular Speak-Up.

Jaycee Idol

The Jaycee Idol competition is held at the second quarter convention and provides Jaycees the opportunity to showcase their singing abilities. Competitors will only be allowed to use an instrumental compact disc for their performance, and songs may be no more than five minutes long. Any individual member of the Nebraska Junior Chamber is eligible to compete, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements listed under "General Eligibility Requirements" in the *2007 United States Junior Chamber Awards Manual*.

Judging Procedure

Competitors are judged on vocal ability/musicianship, stage presence and professionalism. The top three contestants from statewide competition are eligible to advance to the national competition, held at the USJC TOYA/Annual Meeting. Contestants advancing to national competition must submit a video of themselves performing their music without accompaniment. This is to ensure that all taped entries are legitimate performances and are not lip-synced.

Team Competition

Jaycee Debate

The Jaycee Debate competition is held to determine the most outstanding debate team in the Nebraska Junior Chamber for that year. A Jaycee Debate team must include two speakers and one coach or idea person. The team members do not have to be from the same chapter.

Each team will be given the topic fifteen minutes prior to competition. Teams will argue opposite sides of the topic and a coin toss will be used to determine which team will be able to choose their preferred side. Both teams are provided with the topic at the same time and the team winning the right to choose either "pro" or "con" will be provided with two minutes to make their determination. Different topics will be used for each round of competition and may be either Jaycee or non-Jaycee related.

During the Debate, speakers will adhere to the following time limits: five minutes pro, five minutes con, five minutes pro, five minutes con, three minutes con (closing argument), and three minutes pro (closing argument). NO NEW MATERIAL MAY BE INTRODUCED during the closing arguments; the speaker may only rebut material already presented. Each team will be allowed one two-minute time out between speakers throughout the match. The team not speaking is allowed to ask questions of the speaker after the initial minute of speech in each of the five-

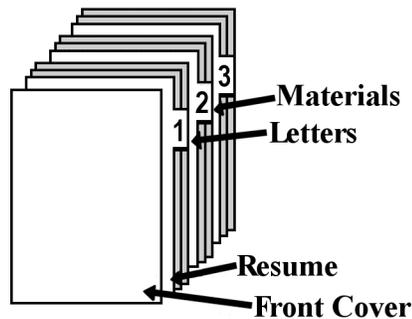
minute sessions but only at the discretion of the speaker. See the *2007 United States Junior Chamber Awards Manual* for more information on the debate competition.

Judging Procedure

Competition will be on a single-elimination basis with winning teams moving on to the next level of competition.

Portfolio Competitions

“Portfolio” is a more accurate description of what is required on the resumes for Brownfield, Armbruster, and Kennedy Family of the Year competitions. These competitions are held at the Second and Third Quarter Conventions and fourth quarter region meetings. Year-end competition is held at the NEJC Year-End Convention. The following is an example of the Portfolio Guidelines:



Individual Awards Entry Form

For a listing of the correct forms for each competition area, refer to the Forms section of the USJC Web site.

TAB 1: Resume

Use a professional resume format - maximum two pages in length.

TAB 2: Letters of Recommendation

Include three to five one-page letters of recommendation, including the Local Chapter President’s letter.

TAB 3: Substantiating Materials

Include a section of substantiating materials up to ten pages in length.

For more information and for tips on preparing your portfolio, please refer to the *2007 United States Junior Chamber Awards Manual*.

Brownfield Memorial Award

The C. William Brownfield Memorial award is presented annually to up to three outstanding first-year members. The award is named in honor of Bill Brownfield, the author of the Jaycee Creed. Bill Brownfield recognized that the spirit and enthusiasm of the Junior Chamber movement came from the spirit of first-year members.

Judging Procedure

The judges will review the portfolios and conduct an oral interview of each nominee at the competition. The portfolio will count 50% and the oral interview 50%. The final round of competition will consist of an oral interview only. Winners of the award will be determined strictly by final round scores.

Most of the oral interview will be based on life-relevant questions, determining the nominee’s enthusiasm for the Junior Chamber, and the nominee’s understanding of the organization’s philosophy, aims, and beliefs. It is not the intent of this award to recognize those who have memorized volumes of Junior Chamber history.

Portfolio Requirements

Nominees must submit a personal portfolio that reflects their activities. The portfolio shall include only those activities entered into during the first 12 months of the nominee's Junior Chamber career. If applicant has MORE than 12 months experience, they are evaluated on their FIRST 12 MONTHS.

Armbruster "Keyman" Memorial Award

The John H. Armbruster "Keyman" Memorial award is presented annually to up to three outstanding members who have continued to show support, dedication, and enthusiasm following their first year of membership.

The award is named in honor of John H. Armbruster in recognition of his long and faithful service to The U.S. Junior Chamber. He was a charter member of the St. Louis Junior Chamber and throughout his life he contributed to the organization. John H. Armbruster founded The Junior Chamber Crew Club and through his publication, *Log of the S.S. Fellowship*, he kept up correspondence with members across the nation and throughout the world for more than 40 years.

Judging Procedure

The judges will review the portfolios and conduct an oral interview of each nominee at the competition. The portfolio will count 50% and the oral interview 50%. The final round of competition will consist of an oral interview only. Winners of the award will be determined strictly by final round scores.

Most of the oral interview will be based on life-relevant questions, determining the nominee's enthusiasm for the Junior Chamber, and the nominee's understanding of the organization's philosophy, aims, and beliefs.

Kennedy Family of the Year Award

The Kennedy Family Award is presented annually to up to three outstanding families in the Nebraska Junior Chamber. These are families who have promoted and exemplified the objectives and beliefs of the Jaycee Creed. The award is named in honor of Barry and Diane Kennedy. Barry was the 1976-77 Nebraska Junior Chamber President, the 1978-79 president of the U.S. Junior Chamber and the 1982 president of Junior Chamber International. Diane has been very supportive of Barry in his Jaycee endeavors.

Judging Procedure

The judges will review the resumes and conduct an oral interview of each nominee at the competition. The resume will count 50% and the oral interview 50%. A portion of the interview will be based on the resume. The entire family will be interviewed, although children are not required to be present.

Convention Excitement Competitions

The following awards are offered at each state convention to add to the excitement and fun of the state convention experience.

Most Excited Chapter

This award is presented to the chapter showing the most enthusiastic "Jaycee Spirit" that convention. The State Executive Committee selects the winner. Among the criteria used are: development of a unified convention theme, number of competitors, judges and first-timers, attendance and participation at training sessions, attendance at the business meeting, attendance at the fellowship service, and support of other chapters and members at the awards ceremony.

Most Excited Region

This award is presented to the region showing the most enthusiastic "Jaycee Spirit" that convention. The State Executive Committee selects the winner. The criteria used to determine the most excited region are similar to those used to select the most excited chapter, but covering all the chapters in that region in attendance.

First-Timers Competition

This competition is held to help members attending their first Jaycee convention meet as many people as possible and make their experience an enjoyable one. First, second and third place are selected based on the number of signatures gathered and the number of questions answered correctly in their First Timers competition book. In addition, the rest of the first-timers at that convention select a “most excited” first-timer.

Russ Sandberg Memorial Award

The Russ Sandberg Memorial Award is presented each quarter to the chapter that brings the most first-timers to a Jaycee convention. Each first-timer must be fully registered for the convention and must participate in the first-timers competition. A traveling trophy is presented to the winning chapter.

This award is named in honor of Russ Sandberg, 76th president of the Nebraska Jaycees, who died in 2003 after a yearlong battle with leukemia.

OFFICER AWARDS

State Board

Parade of District Directors

The Parade of District Directors is presented each quarter and annually to up to five District Directors, based on their participation in the Parade program. For more information, please contact the state Membership Vice President.

Charles Thone Award

The Charles Thone Award is presented annually to up to three Nebraska Junior Chamber District Directors. The winners of this award are eligible to be Nebraska’s submissions for the USJC M. Keith Upson Memorial Award. Recipients must have achieved Blue Chip status.

How to Apply

Submit a completed USJC M. Keith Upson Memorial Award nomination form and any required supporting material to State President by the NEJC Memorial Award deadline announced later in the year.

Parade of Region Directors

The Parade of Region Directors is presented each quarter and annually to up to three Region Directors, based on their participation in the Parade program. For more information, please contact the state Membership Vice President.

Rex Haberman Award

The Rex Haberman Award is presented annually to up to two Nebraska Junior Chamber Region Directors. The winners of this award are eligible to be Nebraska’s submissions for the USJC Clint Dunagan Memorial Award. Recipients must have achieved Blue Chip status.

How to Apply

Submit a completed USJC Clint Dunagan Memorial Award nomination form and any required supporting material to the State President by the NEJC Memorial Award deadline announced later in the year.

Outstanding Program Manager Award

The Outstanding Program Manager Award is presented each quarter to up to three state program managers, one of which will be designated the overall outstanding program manager.

Hugh McKenna Award

The Hugh McKenna Award is presented annually to up to three program managers. The winners of this award are eligible to be Nebraska’s submissions for the USJC Seiji Horiuchi Memorial Award.

How to Apply

Submit a completed USJC Seiji Horiuchi Memorial Award nomination form and the required CPG and substantiating material to the State President by the NEJC Memorial Award deadline announced later in the year.

Outstanding State Vice President

The Outstanding State Vice President is optionally presented each quarter to the most outstanding State Programming Vice President that quarter.

Pat Kirby Memorial Award

The Pat Kirby Memorial Award is presented annually to top State Programming Vice President in the Nebraska Junior Chamber.

How to Apply

The Membership Vice President should complete the USJC Steven Little Memorial Award nomination form. All other Programming Vice Presidents should complete the USJC Dennis Hamilton Memorial Award nomination form. The forms must be submitted to the State Administrative Vice President by the NEJC Memorial Award deadline announced later in the year.

Outstanding State Board Member Award

The Outstanding State Board Member Award is presented each quarter and annually to the top NEJC State Board member not covered by the other award categories, i.e., Chaplain, Presidential Assistant, Secretary, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Legal Counsel, RD/DD Coach, LPA President, and State Administrative Vice President. The year-end winner is eligible to be Nebraska's submission for the USJC R. Bradley Trafton Award.

How to Apply

For quarterly awards, no applications are required. For year-end awards, submit a completed USJC R. Bradley Trafton Award nomination form and the required CPG and substantiating material to the State President by the NEJC Memorial Awards deadline announced later in the year.

“Brotherhood of Man” Award

All individual members of the Nebraska Junior Chamber serving on the State Board this year are eligible for this award. This award is presented annually to the State Board member who is performing his or her duties in an exceptional manner, and goes a step further by promoting fellowship and teamwork among State Board members.

How to Nominate

Submit a nomination letter by the announced deadline to the State President explaining why you think the nominee should be the recipient of the “Brotherhood of Man” Award.

Key Man Awards

Gold, silver and bronze keys are presented to members of the organization who have rendered outstanding service at the state level during the current year. All members of the State Board and other officers of the organization are eligible. The State President will determine the Key Man Award winners, including the type of key and the number of keys to be presented.

Chapter Board

Note: chapter board members who are also current state board members (other than program managers) are ineligible to receive state awards for chapter board members. Past year-end winners are also ineligible to receive that particular award again.

Outstanding Local President Award

The Nebraska Junior Chamber recognizes up to six outstanding local presidents each quarter, one of which will be chosen as the Overall Outstanding Local President of the Quarter. Selection is based on the local president's performance that quarter and will include such items as growth, activation, orientation, participation, chapter management, outlook and enthusiasm.

How to Nominate

Complete the NEJC Outstanding Local President Nomination Form and submit by the announced deadline to the State Administrative Vice President. Note: only those presidents for whom a nomination form was received will be considered.

Charles Gabus Outstanding Local President Award

This award is presented to up to six outstanding local presidents in honor of Charles H. Gabus of Auburn, past president of the Nebraska Junior Chamber. Selection is based on the local president's entire year and will include the same items as for Outstanding Local President of the Quarter.

Eligibility

All individual members of the Nebraska Junior Chamber serving as local chapter presidents are eligible for this award, provided the chapter earned Blue Chip status and a completed nomination packet was submitted.

How to Nominate

Complete the USJC Charles Kulp entry form and submit with the required supplemental material to the State Administrative Vice President. Note: to be considered as one of Nebraska's nominees for the Charles Kulp Award, the entry must be submitted by the announced NEJC Memorial Award deadline and the candidate must meet the requirements announced by the US Junior Chamber.

Outstanding Chapter Officer Awards

Up to three Outstanding Chapter Officers are selected each quarter and annually by each of the four State Programming Vice Presidents. One of the three selected by each State Programming Vice President will be chosen as the Overall Outstanding Chapter Officer of the Quarter in that programming area (i.e., Membership, Management, Individual Development and Community). These awards include chapter vice presidents, directors and any other chapter officer not specifically covered by another award. For example, secretaries, treasurers, chaplains, Webmasters and newsletter editors are not eligible for this award unless they also hold another office.

How to Nominate

For quarterly awards, complete the NEJC Outstanding Chapter Officer Nomination Form and submit by the announced deadline to the State Administrative Vice President. Year-end nominations of vice presidents must be submitted using the USJC Outstanding Local Vice President Award form; other officers should continue to use the NEJC Outstanding Chapter Officer Nomination Form. To be one of Nebraska's nominees for the USJC Outstanding Local Vice President, the entry must be submitted by the announced NEJC Memorial Award deadline and the chapter must have achieved Blue Chip status. Note: only those local vice presidents for whom a nomination form was received will be considered.

Bill Acker Memorial Award

The overall outstanding local Membership and Growth Officer for the year is presented with the Bill Acker Memorial Award. This award was created by the Nebraska Junior Chamber in 1990 and is presented in memory of Bill Acker of the Gering Jaycees. Bill died after a long battle with cancer while serving as local Membership and Growth Vice President of the Gering Jaycees in 1990-91.

John C. Reek Memorial Award

The overall outstanding local Community Officer for the year is presented with the John C. Reek Memorial Award. This award was created by the Ralston Jaycees in 2000 and is presented in memory of John Reek, who died in January 2000 after serving as the Ralston Jaycees' Community Vice President the previous year.

Outstanding Local Secretary Award

The Outstanding Local Secretary Award is presented each quarter and annually to the individual recognized as the top local secretary in the Nebraska Junior Chamber.

How to Nominate

Complete the NEJC Outstanding Chapter Officer Nomination Form and return to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline. Only those secretaries for whom a nomination form has been submitted will be considered.

Outstanding Local Treasurer Award

The Outstanding Local Treasurer Award is presented each quarter to the individual recognized as the top local treasurer in the Nebraska Junior Chamber

How to Nominate

Complete the NEJC Outstanding Chapter Officer Nomination Form and return to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline. Only those treasurers for whom a nomination form has been submitted will be considered.

William C. Bowman Award

This award was created by the LaVista Jaycees in 1971 and is presented to the Outstanding Local Treasurer in Nebraska for the year. The award is given in memory of William C. Bowman, past treasurer of the LaVista Jaycees, who died in an auto accident during his elected year.

How to Nominate

Complete the NEJC Outstanding Chapter Officer Nomination Form and return to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline. Only those treasurers for whom a nomination form has been submitted will be considered.

Outstanding Chaplain Award

The Outstanding Chaplain Award is presented each quarter and annually to the individual recognized as the top local chaplain in the Nebraska Junior Chamber.

How to Nominate

Complete the NEJC Outstanding Chapter Officer Nomination Form and return to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline. Only those chaplains for whom a nomination form has been submitted will be considered.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Individual Membership Awards

Howard Schneider Memorial Award (Top Recruiter)

The Howard Schneider Memorial Award is presented annually to the individual who recruits the most new members during the awards year.

How to Enter

Verification is done through the Husker Cavalry program as described below. To be considered for this award, you must be participating in the Husker Cavalry program.

Husker Cavalry

The Husker Cavalry is an ongoing recognition program for recruitment of new members over an individual's Jaycee career. The Husker Cavalry awards that are presented at each state convention are:

Private	3 new members over Jaycee career
Sergeant	7 new members over Jaycee career
Lieutenant	15 new members over Jaycee career
Captain	25 new members over Jaycee career
General	50 new members over Jaycee career
General's Stars	50 additional new members

How to Enter

Submit a list containing the names of the new members (including chapters), who recruited them (including chapters) and the month in which they were recruited to the Husker Cavalry Program Manager.

Don Blank Award (Outstanding Local Chairperson)

The Nebraska Junior Chamber created this award in 1970 to honor Dr. Don Blank from McCook. He was a past state president and past national vice president. It is presented annually to the Outstanding Local Chairperson in Nebraska.

Judging is from the Chairman's Planning Guide (CPG) for the project, which must have been submitted to year-end book judging. Specific importance will be placed on the management of the project by the chairperson and the success of the project due to the chairperson's efforts.

Eligibility

Any individual member of the Nebraska Junior Chamber is eligible for this award except members who have served during the award year as local president or a member of the State Board, excluding program managers. Past winners of this award are not eligible.

How to Enter

Attach a one-page letter of nomination to the CPG summarizing why you believe this individual should be selected as Nebraska's Outstanding Local Chairperson. Turn in the CPG and the letter of nomination at year-end book judging.

R. Gordon Hope Memorial Award (Outstanding Local Member)

The Central Region and the Aurora Jaycees created this award in 1998 to honor R. Gordon Hope from Aurora. He was a past president of the Aurora Jaycees, Central Region Director and past president of the Nebraska JCI Senate. It is presented annually to the Outstanding Local Member in Nebraska, honoring a person who goes out of his or her way to make sure that "the job gets done;" but also a person who does not reach out to have it known they were the one responsible.

Eligibility

Any individual member of the Nebraska Junior Chamber is eligible for this award, except members who have served as a member of the State or local Board of Directors in any capacity during the award year. Past winners of this award are not eligible.

How to Nominate

Submit a letter of nomination to the State Administrative Vice President by the announced deadline.

Springboard Program

This program, designed for first-year members, is a tool for the chapter to activate new members, ensure that they have every opportunity to gain the benefits of membership, and are able to make a fully informed decision when it comes time to renew their membership.

How to Enter

Upon completion of the Springboard requirements, including renewing dues, the new member should complete the Springboard Certification Form, ask the Chapter President to sign it, and mail it to the Degrees Program Manager. This will certify the new member in the Springboard program. Once new members have completed the Springboard requirements, they will have earned their first three Degrees.

Degrees of Jaycees

This program continues where Springboard leaves off. Degrees of Jaycees is a career path for members, providing a logical sequence of events to be followed. By working through the various requirements spread across ten degree levels, members will learn and grow in the Junior Chamber experience.

For the member, Degrees is a guide for personal growth. In addition, each member completing the Degrees of Jaycees program achieves the benefits of leadership training while directly affecting the experience of other members.

For the chapter, Degrees of Jaycees is a personnel management program that can be used toward the achievement of chapter goals through member participation. The chapter also gains increased visibility and influence within the community. The Degrees program is divided into three phases, as described below:

- Phase I – Involvement
- Phase II – Experience
- Phase III – Leadership

How to Enter

Complete the USJC Degrees of Jaycees Certification Form and return to the NEJC Degrees Program Manager by the announced deadline. Certificates are awarded at each convention to those members advancing a degree. Note: chapters are responsible for purchasing a member's tenth degree pin.

Nebraska Junior Chamber Governorship

The Nebraska Junior Chamber's Governorship Program has been modeled after the U.S. Junior Chamber's Ambassadorship and the JCI Senatorship programs. It is used to recognize those individuals within your chapter that do more than their share.

Every chapter has a few individuals that exemplify the true meaning of the Junior Chamber concept. They are the ones that have given of themselves for the benefit of others. They have served in the leadership of your chapter and through their continued participation serve as an example for the training of other members.

The criteria for this honor require involvement and longevity in our organization. This honor should not be taken lightly, for it is one of the highest honors recognized by the Nebraska Junior Chamber.

The application is detailed and must be submitted with the \$100 initiation fee. The recipient of this honor will receive an engraved name badge identifying them as a Nebraska Junior Chamber Governor and their Governor identification number. They will also receive a large plaque with a certificate in recognition of their commitment to this organization.

It is through this prestigious honor that the Nebraska Junior Chamber wishes to recognize those elite members in your chapter. Please take the time to share those members with us!

Eligibility

The candidate must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Has been a Jaycee for at least 36 months
2. Has served in the management of this organization at least one year
3. Has helped to train others
4. Continues to participate in numerous activities

How to Apply

Submit a completed Governorship Application, along with the \$100 initiation fee, by the announced deadline to the Awards Program Manager.

Presidential Awards

The president of the Nebraska Junior Chamber announces his or her special awards program each year. The requirements for these will vary from year to year, but will be published in the State Packet.

How to Enter

The nomination procedure, if any, will be announced at the same time as the requirements.

Road Runner Award

This award recognizes the individual member who accumulated the most visitation miles each quarter and annually. Members of the Nebraska Junior Chamber's Board of Directors (excluding chapter presidents) are not eligible for this award. The same rules and requirements used for the Ernie Schneider Chapter Visitation Award are used here.

How to Enter

Individual man miles should be submitted at the same time as chapter visitations, and must be sent to the Ernie Schneider Program Manager.

Supporter Awards

Supporter Awards are presented on behalf of another Jaycee, family member or friend to someone whose actions or support deserve recognition by the Nebraska Junior Chamber.

How to Nominate

Submit a letter of nomination to the State Administrative Vice President by the deadline. A letter of recommendation is also acceptable.

Other Membership Awards

Top Growth Chapter

The chapter with the greatest increase in membership over its starting size each quarter and for the year is presented with the Top Growth Chapter Award. To be eligible for this award, a chapter must be participating in the Husker Cavalry program described above.

Top Growth District

The district with the greatest increase in membership over its starting size each quarter and for the year is presented with the Top Growth District Award.

Top Growth Region

The region with the greatest increase in membership over its starting size each quarter and for the year is presented with the Top Growth Region Award.