STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR (General)
Purpose: Recognizes an outstanding student group that has built a solid organization and has achieved success in accomplishing its goals.

Please Note: This award will not be presented to the same organization for two consecutive years.

Selection Criteria – Please respond to the following in 500 to 3000 words:
• What is the purpose of your organization?
• What goals did your group pursue this year?
• Review the 2014-2015 school year for your organization. What challenges have you had to meet? What have been your accomplishments this past year?
• Discuss the membership of your organization. How are members recruited, and how are they involved with the group? How many students are currently members? How does this compare with last year? How have students benefited by being in your organization?
• Has your organization established any traditions that benefit the organization and/or the campus and/or the surrounding communities?
• Do you have any other information regarding group success or growth that you would like the committee to consider?

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR (University Funded)
Purpose: Recognizes an organization that receives substantial support (financial, advisement, etc.) from Northern Michigan University, has a campus-wide mission, has built a solid organization, and does an excellent job of performing its defined role. Organizations included in this category are:
- ASNMU
- Campus Cinema
- First Aid Productions
- Gonzo Media
- The North Wind
- Northern Arts & Entertainment
- Platform Personalities
- Primetime Productions
- ROTC Ranger Club
- Special Events Committee
- Student Finance Committee
- Students’ Art Gallery
- Wildcat Marching Band
- WUPX

Please Note: This award will not be presented to the same organization for two consecutive years.

Selection Criteria – Please respond to the following in 500 to 3000 words:
• What is the purpose of your organization?
• What goals did your group pursue this year?
• Review the 2014-2015 school year for your organization. What challenges have you had to meet? What have been your accomplishments this past year?
• Discuss the membership of your organization. How are members recruited, and how are they involved with the group? How many students are currently members? How does this compare with last year? How have students benefited by being in your organization?
• Has your organization established any traditions that benefit the organization and/or the campus and/or the surrounding communities?
• Do you have any other information regarding group success or growth that you would like the committee to consider?
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Purpose: Recognizes the organization that has demonstrated the highest degree of volunteer service contributions to the surrounding Upper Peninsula communities during the academic year. Factors such as quantity and quality will be considered; the award can also be given to an organization that has done one outstanding project.

Please Note: This award will not be presented to the same organization for two consecutive years for substantially the same efforts. The Community Service Award can be won in consecutive years by the same organization for a significantly different effort.

Selection Criteria – Please respond to the following in 500 to 2000 words:
• Describe your organization’s community service effort or efforts during the 2014-2015 academic year.
• How did your group’s efforts benefit the well being of others?
• How did your community service project(s) benefit individual group members, and your organization as a whole?
• Is there anything else regarding this project that you would like the selection committee to consider?

PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Purpose: Recognizes an outstanding effort by an organization to plan, promote, and implement a single program or event during the year.

Please Note: This award will not be presented to the same organization two consecutive years for substantially the same program. The Program of the Year Award can be won in consecutive years by the same organization for a significantly different program.

Selection Criteria – Please respond to the following in 500 to 2000 words:
• Describe the program being nominated. How was it decided upon, organized, promoted, and implemented?
• What was the attendance, audience reaction, etc.?
• What role did the members of your organization play in making this program happen?
• How did sponsoring this program benefit your organization?
• Is there anything else regarding this program that you would like the selection committee to consider?

PROJECT OF THE YEAR
Purpose: Recognizes an outstanding effort by an organization to plan and implement a project that benefited the campus and/or community during this past year.

Please Note: This award will not be presented to the same organization two consecutive years for substantially the same project. The Project of the Year award can be won in consecutive years by the same organization for a significantly different project.

Selection Criteria – Please respond to the following in 500 to 2000 words:
• Describe the project being nominated. How was it decided upon, organized, promoted, and implemented?
• What role did the members of your organization play in making this project happen?
• What was the impact of this project on the campus and/or in the community? What were the benefits?
• How did organizing this project benefit your organization?
• Is there anything else regarding this project that you would like the selection committee to consider?
**DIVERSITY PROGRAM/PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** Recognizes an outstanding effort by a student organization to plan, promote, and implement a single project or event during the year that promoted the understanding, appreciation, and embracement of diversity.

**Please Note:** This award will not be presented to the same organization two consecutive years for substantially the same program/project. The Diversity Program/Project of the Year award can be won in consecutive years by the same organization for a significantly different program/project.

**Selection Criteria – Please respond to the following in 500 to 2000 words:**

- Describe the project or event being nominated. How was it decided upon, organized, promoted, and implemented?
- What was the impact of this project or event on the campus and/or surrounding community in terms of promoting an acceptance of diversity?
- What role did the members play in making this project/event happen?
- Is there any other information about your project or event that you would like the selection committee to consider?

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**ADVISER OF THE YEAR**

**Purpose:** Recognizes an individual who has done an outstanding job in his/her role as an adviser to a student organization.

**Selection Criteria – Please respond to the following in 500 to 2000 words:**

- How has your adviser made an impact on your student organization?
- How has your adviser gone above and beyond his/her role as adviser?
- Is there any other information regarding your adviser that you would like the committee to consider?