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HISTORY

The ***Mga Natatanging Mag-aaral ng Medisina ng Pilipinas*** **(MNMMP)** was first established by the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges - Student Network (APMC-SN) National Executive Board, Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Formerly called *Mga Natatanging Mag-aaral ng Medisina sa Pambansang Punong Rehiyon - Timog Katagalugan,* the initiative started off as a regional awards ceremony that aimed to recognize the most outstanding medical students within the National Capital Region, as proposed by then APMC-SN NCR-SL Regional Vice President and Regional Secretary General. Since then, the project has been adopted as a nationwide program and, as of Fiscal Year 2022-2023, has been formally recognized by the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges, Inc. (APMCI).

RATIONALE

APMC-SN recognizes the vital contribution of its members to nation-building and is committed to inspire medical students to become physicians who are not only globally competent, but also proactive and socially accountable. The MNMMP aims to provide recognition to outstanding medical students in the country who have emphasized their roles as nation-builders and social catalysts, particularly those who have demonstrated exemplary academic and research accomplishment, leadership and organizational involvement, and socio-civic engagement, in the service of the people and the Filipino community.

Beyond the accolades, all awardees shall automatically be inducted into the ***Kapisanan ng mga Natatanging Mag-aaral ng Medisina ng Pilipinas.*** The *Kapisanan*, a network of exceptional and driven individuals, shall serve as an avenue for continued collaboration and resource sharing among the members and with APMC-SN to continuously nurture the members' desire to take part in nation-building. APMC-SN seeks to maintain a strong relationship with the *Kapisanan* by continually providing members with long-term connections and multiple opportunities to contribute to the development of Philippine medical students into similarly exceptional and compassionate physicians.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide recognition to outstanding medical students in the Philippines with exemplary performance in academics, research, leadership and organizational involvement, and social responsibility;
- To encourage medical students across the country to strive for excellence and to become proactive members of their respective schools and of the Filipino community, in accordance with the APMC-SN's Vision and Mission; and
- To continue collaboration and resource sharing with the awardees through the *Kapisanan ng mga Natatanging Mag-aaral ng Medisina ng Pilipinas.*

ORGANIZING AND IMPLEMENTING BODY

A. **Purpose.** The primary purpose of the Organizing and Implementing Body is to ensure and implement the rules and guidelines of the competition. Secondary purposes include:
   1. Selection of judges;
   2. Procurement of prizes;
   3. Logistical support planning;
   4. Collection and checking of entries;
   5. Awarding of winners;
   6. Periodic revision of the guidelines and mechanics of the MNMMP*;*
   7. Encouragement of participation; and
   8. Ensurance of compliance.

B. **Members.** The Organizing and Implementing Body shall be composed of the following:
   1. APMC-SN National Students' Rights and Welfare (NSTRAW) Committee;
   2. APMC-SN Regional Students' Rights and Welfare (RSTRAW) Committees; and
   3. APMC-SN National Conventions Committee (NCC).

C. **Coordination.** The event is under the coordination of the APMC-SN NSTRAW Committee, with guidance from the National Vice President. The APMC-SN NSTRAW Committee is mandated to ensure that the MNMMP shall be observed every year, jointly with and as part of the APMC-SN annual National Convention.

D. **Regional Implementation.** The RSTRAW Committees of the different regions, through their respective STRAW Committee Regional Coordinators (STRAW RCs), shall receive all submissions within the set due date. They shall carefully review the submitted documents and ensure that they are in accordance with the requirements. The STRAW RCs shall also ensure that the schools have not selected more than the allowable number of candidates and determine if there are any missing or unverified documents. Should the candidate's entry be considered incomplete or improperly filled out, it shall be sent back and brought to the attention of the said candidate. The NCC shall then award the ten (10) highest-ranking medical students per region during the APMC-SN National Convention.

E. **National Implementation.** During the same event, the NCC shall also award the ten (10) overall highest-ranking medical students nationwide, as well as the four (4) students who ranked highest in the following fields: academics, research, leadership and organizational involvement, and social responsibility.

PANEL OF JUDGES

A. **Composition.** Each Panel of Judges shall be composed of four (4) individuals who may come from the recommendation of the incumbent APMC-SN National Executive Board, its alumni body, and/or of APMCI.
    1. **Regional.** The Regional Panel of Judges shall be composed of the following:
        a. Two (2) medical doctors from the respective region, not affiliated with any medical school as a faculty member or administrative staff during the course of the competition; and
        b. Two (2) non-medical professionals from the respective region with notable experience in healthcare, medical education, research, and/or socio-civic engagement.
    2. **National.** The National Panel of Judges shall be composed of the following:
        a. Two (2) medical doctors from any region, not affiliated to any medical school as a faculty member or administrative staff during the course of the competition; and
        b. Two (2) non-medical professionals from any region with notable experience in healthcare, medical education, research, and/or socio-civic engagement.

B. **Coordination.** The Organizing and Implementing Body is tasked to find, select, and communicate with the judges, which includes sending them the criteria for judging, entry forms, and the like.

C. **Panel Decision.** The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable once announced and awarded during the APMC-SN National Convention.

ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

A. **Eligibility**. To be eligible, the nominee must be:
    1. From any member school with full or associate membership to APMC-SN;
    2. A 4th year medical student of the current academic year;
    3. With good moral character, with no pending administrative, civil, or criminal case before any court/authorized body, and have never been found guilty of any administrative offense or crime; and
    4. With exemplary performance in academic and co- and extra- curricular activities during the course of medical school, as evidenced by submitted forms and supporting documents.

B. **Time Period.** The contents of the supporting documents to be submitted must have occurred during the course of medical school.

COMPETITION MECHANICS

A. **Nomination.** All APMC-SN member schools shall create their own Selection Committees for the selection of their respective candidates.
   1. Each Selection Committee shall consist of the following, or their counterparts:
      a. College Dean;
      b. Medicine Student Council Adviser; and
      c. Student Affairs Coordinator.
   2. The Selection Committee must inform its chosen students regarding their nomination.
   3. The nominees, upon acceptance of their nomination, shall henceforth be referred to as candidates. Each school is allowed a maximum of three (3) candidates only.

B. **Submission.** All required forms and supporting documents must be submitted on or before the deadline set by the Organizing and Implementing Body.
   1. Candidates must accomplish the following as instructed in the templates provided **(see Forms)**:
      a. Nomination Form with 2x2 picture on white background *(Form 1)*;
      b. Personal Information Form (*Form 2*);
      c. Academic Achievement Profile (*Form 3*);
      d. Research Achievement Profile (*Form 4*);
      e. Leadership and Organizational Involvement Profile (*Form 5*);
      f. Social Responsibility Profile (*Form 6*);
      g. Two (2) Mentor/Adviser/Professor Assessment Forms (*Form 7*);
      h. Two (2) Colleague Assessment Forms (*Form 8*);
      i. Self-Reflection Essay (*Form 9*); and
      j. Appendix: Supporting Documents, including:
         i. Certificate of Good Moral Character issued by the school;
         ii. Transcript of Records or Certified True Copy of Grades for all previous semesters;
         iii. Supporting Documents for Academic Claims;
         iv. Supporting Documents for Research Claims;
         v. Supporting Documents for Leadership and Organizational Involvement Claims; and
         vi. Supporting Documents for Social Responsibility Claims.
   2. All forms must be completed and arranged in sequential order, with the Table of Contents updated accordingly. Entries found to be incomplete and/or improperly filled out will not be accepted.
   3. The document for submission must be saved as a pdf file, with the file name:

      <MNMMP 2023_Name of Candidate>

      (ex. MNMMP 2023_Juan Dela Cruz)

      a. Should there be any additional files that cannot be attached in the document (e.g Transcript of Records), all files for submission must be submitted as a

compressed folder (.zip) or uploaded to a shareable Google Drive folder (if the file size is too large), with the folder name:

<MNMMP 2023_Name of Candidate>

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4. Entries shall be uploaded to the following online submission portal: https://form.jotform.com/apmcstudentnetwork/MNMMP2023
5. An acknowledgement email will be sent by the STRAW RCs to confirm receipt of qualified entries not later than two (2) weeks after submission. This acknowledgement email shall serve as the official verification of the candidate's participation in the MNMMP.
    a. Submitted entries shall be considered final and may no longer be modified or supplemented, unless warranted for technical or logistic purposes, as determined by the Organizing and Implementing Body. In such cases, candidates will only be given a maximum of two (2) attempts to finalize their submission.
    b. Failure to accomplish all requirements on the second attempt shall mean absolute disqualification for the year.
6. Candidates who are found to have submitted falsified documents or committed similar violations shall be disqualified from the competition and reported to their respective schools to be penalized accordingly.

C. **Judging.** The Regional and National Panels of Judges shall determine the winners of the MNMMP at the regional and national level, respectively.
1. Each candidate shall be evaluated based on four (4) criteria: Academics, Research, Leadership and Organizational Involvement, and Social Responsibility. Under each criterion, the parameters enumerated in the score sheet provided shall be rated using a five-point scale **(see Appendix)**.
2. The cumulative scores for each criterion shall be obtained. From these, the weighted scores shall then be computed using the following percentages:

Criteria for Judging	Weight (%)
Academics	30
Research	10
Leadership and Organizational Involvement	30
Social Responsibility	30
TOTAL	100

3. The weighted scores for all criteria shall be added to obtain the total weighted score. For each candidate, the total weighted scores from all four (4) judges shall be tallied.

4. The candidates shall then be ranked by the RSTRAW Committees based on their cumulative total weighted scores. Should there be a tie, the Panel of Judges, together with the Organizing and Implementing Body, shall conduct an en banc session to resolve it**.**

D. **Awarding.** The date of the APMC-SN National Convention shall be determined by the NCC.
   1. ***Gawad para sa Mga Natatanging Mag-aaral ng Medisina ng Pilipinas*** **- Regional [Luzon/Visayas/Mindanao/NCR-SL].**
      a. The award shall be conferred to the five (5) candidates with the highest cumulative total weighted scores for each region, as evaluated by the respective Regional Panel of Judges.
      b. All winners shall be announced and awarded during the National Convention in no particular order.
   2. ***Gawad para sa Mga Natatanging Mag-aaral ng Medisina ng Pilipinas*** **- National.**
      a. Only the twenty (20) MNMMP - Regional awardees shall qualify as finalists for the MNMMP - National.
      b. The award shall be conferred to the ten (10) candidates with the highest cumulative total weighted scores, as evaluated by the National Panel of Judges.
      c. All winners shall be announced and awarded during the National Convention in no particular order.
   3. **Special Awards.**
      a. Only the twenty (20) MNMMP - Regional awardees shall qualify for the special awards.
      b. The ***Gawad para sa Natatanging Mag-aaral sa Larangan ng Akademiko*** shall be conferred to the candidate with the highest total score for Academics, as evaluated by the National Panel of Judges. The best-performing candidate based on curriculum weighted average; academic honors, distinctions, and awards received; consistency of academic performance; and demonstration of significant academic capabilities, skills, and qualities shall be the recipient of this award.
      c. The ***Gawad para sa Natatanging Mag-aaral sa Larangan ng Pananaliksik*** shall be conferred to the candidate with the highest total score for Research, as evaluated by the National Panel of Judges. The best-performing candidate based on research productivity; originality and quality of research works; significance of research findings; awards and other forms of recognition received; and demonstration of significant scholarly capabilities, skills, and qualities shall be the recipient of this award.
      d. The ***Gawad para sa Natatanging Mag-aaral sa Larangan ng Liderato*** shall be conferred to the candidate with the highest total score for Leadership and Organizational Involvement, as evaluated by the National Panel of Judges. The best-performing candidate based on leadership positions held; degree of involvement in organizational activities, programs, and projects; impact of said activities, programs, and projects; co- and extra-curricular awards and other

forms of recognition received; and demonstration of significant leadership capabilities, skills, and qualities shall be the recipient of this award.

e. The ***Gawad para sa Natatanging Mag-aaral sa Larangan ng Tungkuling Panlipunan*** shall be conferred to the candidate with the highest total score for Social Responsibility, as evaluated by the National Panel of Judges. The best-performing candidate based on membership or position in socio-civic organizations or institutions; degree of voluntary involvement in socio-civic activities, programs, and projects; impact of said activities, programs, and projects; humanitarian or service awards and other forms of recognition received; and demonstration of significant character traits and qualities of a socially responsible individual shall be the recipient of this award.

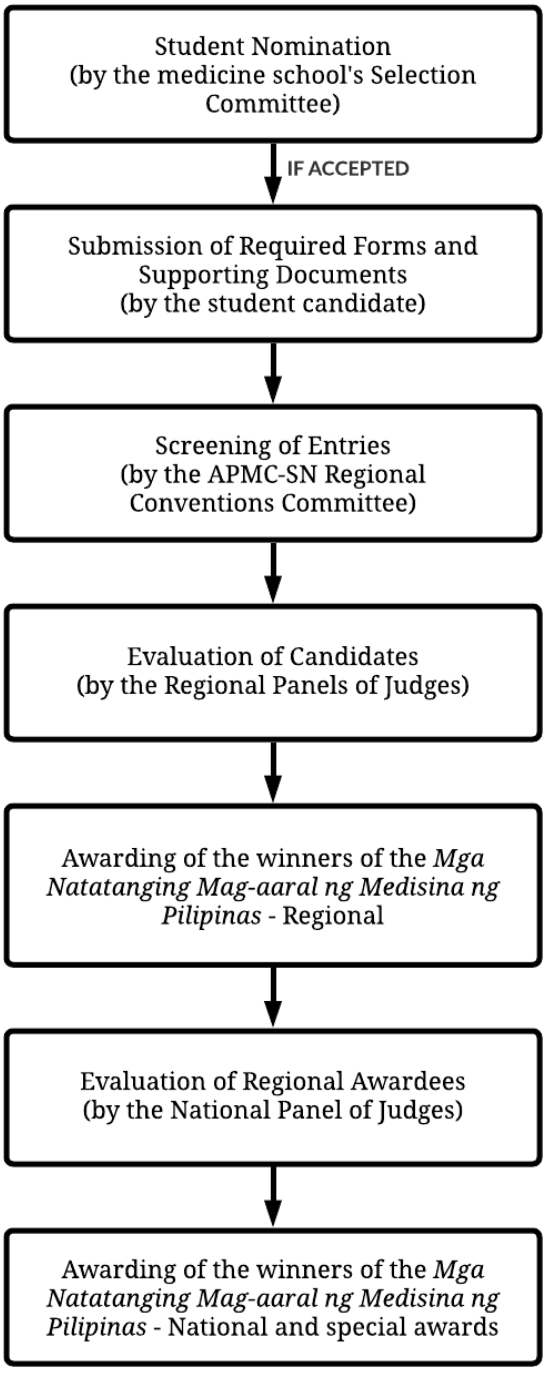
f. All winners shall be announced and awarded during the National Convention.

4. All winners shall receive an engraved plaque and due recognition during the APMC-SN Conventions, and shall automatically be inducted into the ***Kapisanan ng mga Natatanging Mag-aaral ng Medisina ng Pilipinas.*** Certificates of participation shall also be given to all candidates who took part in the competition.

    a. By accepting the award, the winners agree to hold APMC-SN and all event organizers harmless against any and all claims and liability arising from the use of such awards/prizes. Winners shall assume all liability for any injury or damage caused from participation in the competition or use/redemption of any prize.

    b. Participants agree to be bound by the official competition rules and the decision of the judges.

COMPETITION FLOW



APPENDIX

MNMMP JUDGES SCORE SHEET

5 - Excellent; 4 - Very Good; 3 - Good; 2 - Fair; 1 - Poor

NAME OF CANDIDATE:			
NAME OF JUDGE:	Score	Wt	WS
Academics (30%)			
A. Current curriculum weighted average of all subjects taken since the start of medical schooling			
B. Academic honors or distinctions given by the school, organizations, societies, or other institutions			
C. Awards received from academic contests and competitions such as quiz bees, debate tournaments, clinico-pathologic conferences, etc.			
D. Academic consistency, with the absence of any unreasonable leaves of absence and unjustified failing, incomplete, or unexcused marks			
E. Demonstration of significant academic capabilities, skills, and qualities (i.e. critical thinking, goal orientation, diligence, perseverance, and integrity), as attested by the candidate's mentors/advisers/ professors, colleagues, and the candidate himself/herself			
TOTAL		x 0.3	
Research (10%)			
A. Productivity in terms of the number of research works authored or co-authored			
B. Originality and quality of research works, as supported by publication in journals and presentation in conferences/seminars			
C. Significance of research findings to the field of science, medicine, and/or national development			
D. Awards and other forms of recognition received from research contests and competitions or given to research works by the school, organizations, societies, or other institutions			
E. Demonstration of significant scholarly capabilities, skills, and qualities (i.e. analytical thinking, intellectual curiosity, innovativeness, resourcefulness, and dedication to contributing to the advancement of human knowledge or quality of life), as attested by the candidate's mentors/advisers/professors, colleagues, and the candidate himself/herself			
TOTAL		x 0.1	

Leadership and Organizational Involvement (30%)			
A. Leadership positions held in student government or in any school- or community-based organization, including length of service			
B. Degree of involvement in organizational activities, programs, and projects			
C. Impact of organizational activities, programs, and projects on the school, community, or society at large			
D. Co- and extra-curricular awards and other forms of recognition received from contests and competitions, the school, organizations, societies, or other institutions			
E. Demonstration of significant leadership capabilities, skills, and qualities (i.e. strategic thinking, planning, and organizational skills; ability to work and communicate effectively with others; sense of responsibility; self-awareness and commitment to self-development; and ability to inspire others), as attested by the candidate's mentors/advisers/professors, colleagues, and the candidate himself/herself			
TOTAL		x 0.3	
Social Responsibility (30%)			
A. Involvement in any school- or community-based socio-civic organization or institution (e.g. non-government organizations, charities, foundations, churches, private voluntary organizations, etc.)			
B. Degree of voluntary engagement in socio-civic activities, programs, and projects outside of the regular academic curriculum and independent of any academic requirement			
C. Impact of socio-civic activities, programs, and projects on the school, community, or society at large			
D. Humanitarian or service awards and other forms of recognition given by the school, organizations, societies, government units, or other institutions			
E. Demonstration of significant character traits and qualities of a socially responsible individual (i.e. initiative; empathy; spirit of service; awareness of and involvement in social realities; and dedication to improving the welfare of individuals, communities, the environment, or society at large), as attested by the candidate's mentors/advisers/professors, colleagues, and the candidate himself/herself			
TOTAL		x 0.3	
TOTAL WEIGHTED SCORE			

*Wt: Weight ; WS: Weighted Score