

NASC BLUE STAR AWARD 2025/2026

All activities must be completed between JULY 1, 2025 and the 2026 State conference

NEW criteria are highlighted in blue



A council **must meet all the requirements listed** in each area to receive this honor.

You may not use an activity for more than one category.

1. The Monthly Packet

Due to your league Vice President via e-mail by the 6th of each month.

Reminder: Google files must be converted to PDF/ DocX so they are not changeable once submitted. You may only miss **THREE** packets (September - State Conference)

Check your progress here: <http://tinyurl.com/NASCgoals>

Each packet includes: (Keep copies for your Councils' records)

- Goal Sheet (2 or 3 goals you have for the month and how you will achieve them; goals and/or events to achieve said goals must differ between months
→ Be sure to send GOALS not events.
- Retrospect Sheet (How did you do on last month's goals?)
- Minutes from one meeting (No agenda required)

Minutes are the written record summarizing the discussion

**Not an executive board, class committee or subcommittee meeting*

To submit goal packets via e-mail:

- Please include this info in the subject line: School Name & Month
- The e-mail (with all supporting materials attached and/or in the body of the e-mail) may be sent from the Student Body President/designee OR advisor.
- Whoever sends the email must copy the other party AND the region Executive Director.
- The e-mail goes to the Division VP:

Div 1A VP: nevstuco.div1a@gmail.com

Div 2A VP: nevstuco.div2a@gmail.com

Div 3A VP: nevstuco.div3a@gmail.com

Div 4A1 VP: nevstuco.div4a1@gmail.com

Div 4A2 VP: nevstuco.div4a2@gmail.com

Div 5A VP: nevstuco.div5a@gmail.com

President: nevstuco.president@gmail.com

2. Charitable Financial Contributions (CFCs) Submit a CFC Goal and sponsor a specific fundraising activity to raise funds, make a monetary donation, and raise awareness for the charity of your choice*.

Evidence must be in digital or physical scrapbook at end of the year

Evidence of a donation must include copy of check given to the organization or a thank you letter from the organization indicating the amount of the donation. **OR -->**

Evidence of the event must include pictures of the event or promotional materials. *

Charity does not need to be official 501(c)3 non-profit organization. You may support a teacher/student/community member with a specific need

PLUS Your council must submit CFC Contributions at least 2 times per year (even if the amount reported is \$0) within **two out of the three** designated reporting periods (7/1 - 9/30) (10/1 - 1/10) (1/11 - 3/1)

3. Community Service (not including financial contributions)

2 Community Service Projects per year (time - not money).

1 must be a school-wide project (canned food drive, book drive etc.)

May be co-facilitated with another school organization (e.g. NHS or Key Club).

Evidence of the service must include: pictures clearly identifying your students involved in the service or a thank you note from an organization/person who benefitted from the service.

4. State and Regional Participation

(a) Attendance at Regional Conference OR State Conference (**verified** by conference host)

(b) Activity with Middle School/Junior High School*

Evidence of the activity must include: pictures clearly identifying **both groups** of students involved or a thank you note from the MS/JHS school that participated. This can be a virtual or in-person activity. **** May be Virtual****

**An activity is an event with students from your council and students from the MS/JHS initiated by you or the MS/JHS.*

(c) NASC Connections (All evidence is verified by NASC records or scrapbook content. See details in corresponding program criteria)

Commit by September 1st to a Sister School OR the Battle Born Buddies program

☐ **Sister School** - 2 connections: One during 2 of the 3 NASC reporting periods 7/1 - 9/30 10/1 - 1/10 1/11 - 3/1

☐ **Battle Born Buddies** - 1 required and 2 of the 5 connection options. One option during 2 of the 3 NASC reporting periods 7/1 - 9/30 10/1 - 1/10 1/11 - 3/1

5. School Involvement

(a) Spirit activities - **2 total** per year. (i.e. spirit rally, assembly, car rally, tailgate, pack the gym, dance) **Evidence of this** must include a picture(s)

(b) Staff Appreciation - 2 per year

Evidence of this must include pictures with staff at the event or a thank you card from Staff

(c) Student Recognition/Appreciation - 2 per year

Recognizing students or student groups.

Evidence of this must include a picture(s) of those getting recognized

Choose 1 of these (d) - (f)

(d) School Service (campus beautification, volunteering time to staff, etc.)

Evidence of this must include a picture(s) or a thank you card from school staff

(e) Campus wide Educational Program (anti-bullying, diversity, drug/alcohol awareness, health issues, civic education)

Evidence of this must include a picture(s) or a thank you card from school staff or community group

(f) Evidence of Leadership Lesson/Training (Addressing topics such as communication, group dynamics, time management, etc.) This may be done out of class or as part of leadership class.

Evidence of this can include pictures or copies of lesson plan/completed assignments in scrapbook or on the Lesson Reporting Form.

6. A copy of your **Constitution** and evidence that your Council's Constitution has been reviewed in the past 2 years.

7. Physical Scrapbook ** These will be on display at the State Conference! **

In addition to proof of accomplishing Blue Star criteria, the physical scrapbook must contain:

- copy of the Blue Star application signed by the appropriate parties
- a table of contents and/or tabs indicating where Blue Star events can be verified ▪
- copy of the council's current constitution

Evidence just clearly depicts your council meeting the criteria for each portion of the award. You may not use an activity for more than one category. All evidence must be included in the scrapbook when submitted on the first day of the State Conference.

*Or digital submission as determined by the State Board, including digital evidence and signature documents

Digital submission including digital submission of signature documents

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PPT or PDF of Canva/Google Slides/PPT are acceptable for Digital Option [100 MB limit]