



NJASC TOP TEN PROJECTS 2024-2025

For over 40 years the Top Ten Projects program has recognized outstanding projects conducted by Student Councils throughout New Jersey. Each year the State Officers review and select projects to be recognized at our Winter Convention. There are four categories for High School projects: School Spirit, Educational, Fundraising and Service. There is a separate fifth category for Middle Level projects.

TO APPLY A SCHOOL MUST:

- Complete the attached application form and include a letter of support from school or district administration indicating the success of the project.
- E-mail a 200 to 250-word background summary of this project to Executive Director Lou Miller at lmiller@njasc.org by **NOVEMBER 27, 2024**, for use on the NJASC website Top Ten Projects page if your submitted project is selected by the State Officers to receive a Top Ten award. ***This writeup MUST follow the format shown in the example provided below, or it will be rejected:***

Brooklawn Middle School TRIVIA NIGHT



This MIDDLE LEVEL project engages students who would otherwise not be interested in dances and other more traditional student activities. The idea for Trivia Night came from several Student Council members, who enjoyed playing trivia games in class and as part of an after-school Trivia Club. The Student Council decided to replace the traditional Valentines Dance with this new event.

To prepare, each of the 10 Executive Board members (and the Advisor) created a ten question Kahoot trivia game, based on a theme of their choosing. Each of these Kahoots would be a round at Trivia Night, with a prize awarded to its winner. Themes included Movies, Broadway, Basketball, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Geography, Disney, Soccer, Music, Pop Artists and Things That Stink. Admission was free with a Student Activity Card or \$5.00 without, with pizza and soda provided free and snacks sold to benefit the State Charity. Music was played throughout the event, with each Kahoot being projected on the big screen in the Cafeteria and run by the Board member who created it.

A total of 120 out of 905 (13%) students, 45 out of 75 (60%) Student Council members, and 5 out of 110 (5%) teachers became involved in this project. In the words of Principal Dr. Natalie Betz, "the evening promoted student learning, celebration of fellow peers and overall good fun for a wonderful cause."

For more information, contact Advisor Lou Miller at lmiller@pthsd.net.

- First paragraph – indicate the category (from application form) and state your rationale for this project
 - Second paragraph – provide a summary about the project including planning and specific details.
 - Third paragraph – summarize participation statistics (from application form) and provide a quote from your administration regarding the impact of this project on the school and/or community.
 - Closing sentence – advisor contact information
- You may attach any additional information that would be helpful to the State Officers reviewing your application such as pictures, newspaper clippings, flyers, etc. *Please note that any items snail mailed will become property of NJASC and will NOT be returned.*
 - **SCAN & E-MAIL** (preferred) the completed application, an administrative letter of support, and any other additional information to NJASC Treasurer Emily Laing at treasurer24@njasc.net by **NOVEMBER 27, 2024** or you may snail mail all of these things (Emily Laing | 1512 Seventh Av. | Neptune, NJ 07753) with a postmark on or before that date.
 - The State Officers will evaluate all submitted applications at their December executive meeting and announce the winners at the Winter Convention in January. ***Schools applying for this award are expected to attend the Winter Convention in January – we do NOT ship or mail award plaques!***

IN ORDER TO GIVE EACH SCHOOL ENTERING A CHANCE FOR AN AWARD:

- Only one project may be entered per school.
- A school may not resubmit the SAME project that won a Top Ten Award in the past FIVE years but may submit a DIFFERENT project for consideration. *If you are unsure whether a particular project from your school was recognized in the past five years, please visit <https://njasc.org/awards/topten.html> to review past winners.*
- Entries may include projects completed since November 2023.



NJASC TOP TEN PROJECTS AWARD

Application Form 2024-2025

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN, ZIP CODE _____

STUDENT PROJECT COORDINATOR _____

E-Mail Address _____

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR _____

E-Mail Address _____

PROJECT NAME/TITLE _____

CHECK CATEGORY ENTERED (only one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL SPIRIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FUNDRAISING | <input type="checkbox"/> MIDDLE LEVEL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE | |

Enrollment of School _____ # of Students Involved in Project _____

of Council Members _____ # of Council Members Involved in Project _____

of Teachers _____ # of Teachers Involved in Project _____

To be considered for this award, you MUST e-mail a **200 to 250-word background summary of this project by **November 27, 2024** to Executive Director Lou Miller at lmiller@njasc.net, with your school name and "Top Ten Project" in the subject line. Please see the prior page for required formatting and content to maintain website consistency – writeups that do not follow the prescribed format will be rejected.**

Please also attach the following when sending your application (scan & e-mail preferred):

1. In one paragraph, please state why you chose to submit this project and why you think it is worthy of a Top Ten Projects award.
2. In one paragraph, please explain the project. Include planning, procedures, length of project and evaluations.
3. Was the community involved? If so, how?
4. Was the project successful? Explain. Also, state one aspect that you would change and why.
5. A letter of support from your school administration, indicating the success of the project and any benefits derived by the school and/or community.
6. You may attach any additional information that could be helpful to the State Officers reviewing your application such as pictures, newspaper clippings, flyers, videos, or handouts. *Please note that any items snail mailed will become property of the NJASC and will NOT be returned.*