



**N**EVADA **A**SSOCIATION OF **S**TUDENT **C**OUNCILS  
A Division of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association  
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## Spirit of Nevada Award

2010/2011 Criteria

*The Spirit of Nevada Award is the highest honor given to middle-level student councils by the NASC. It is reserved for those councils that go above and beyond their typical school and community expectations.*

To receive this honor, a council must meet all of the criteria listed below.

### Charitable Drive (1)

- You may select the charity of your choice.
  - Examples: toy, canned food, clothing, or book drives

### Charitable Contribution (1)

- You may select the charity of your choice.
  - This is an activity that raises money AND awareness for the charity you pick.

### School/ Community Service Project (1)

- Examples: picking up trash, giving tours to new students, stuffing envelopes for administration, volunteering at elementary school carnivals etc.

### School Spirit Activity (1)

- This must be an activity planned by you, not the administration!
- Choose *one* of the following:
  - Spirit Activity
    - Examples: sponsor a dress-up day, host a “pack the gym”
  - Assembly
    - Examples: pep assembly, motivational speaker
  - Dance
    - Examples: Valentine’s Day, Welcome Back

## Teacher Appreciation or Student Recognition Activity (1)

- Choose *one* of the following:
  - Teacher Appreciation
    - Examples: be an “aide for a day”, write letters of appreciation, make care packages or “survival kits”, throw them a party
  - Student Recognition
    - Select a student group or organization (chess team, NJHS, yearbook staff, etc.) and recognize them for all of their hard work!
    - Examples: give pre-game refreshments to a sports team, make signs, give congratulatory gifts

## Agendas (4)

- You must include one copy of the agenda for four separate council meetings.

## Minutes (4)

- You must include one copy of the minutes for four separate council meetings.
  - Please make sure that these minutes correspond in date to the agendas you submit.

## High School Contacts/NASC Participation (2)

- Must do an activity with a high school in their area
  - This may include; a community service project, helping setup and clean up of a school function, student council party etc.
- Attend the 2010 Mid-Level Conference in your area\*.  
Conference dates:
  - Southern Region- November 20, 2010  
Contact [SouthernExec@nevadaStucu.org](mailto:SouthernExec@nevadaStucu.org) of information
  - Northern Region- TBA  
Contact [NorthernExec@nevadaStucu.org](mailto:NorthernExec@nevadaStucu.org) of information
  - Western Region- January 31, 2011  
Contact [WesternExec@nevadaStucu.org](mailto:WesternExec@nevadaStucu.org) of information

*\*If you cannot make it to a conference you may do two activities with your high school.*

## Scrapbook (1)

- All activities must be documented in scrapbook form to provide proof of accomplishing the criteria. This should be sent in with your application.
  - Thank-you notes, pictures, receipts, and newspaper clippings are examples of ways to document your activities.
- Your scrapbook should contain a table of contents with corresponding page numbers, or some other labeling system - like tabs - that is easy to understand.

APPLICATIONS must be postmarked by: March 10, 2011

MAIL TO: Clark HS Student Council  
Attn: Lauren Kuenzi  
4291 Pennwood Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89102



# THE SILVER STAR AWARD 2010/2011

All criteria must be completed after the last day of the 2010 State Conference and before the 2011 state conference

*A council must meet all the requirements listed in each area to receive the highest honor given by NASC: SILVER STAR AWARD.*

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

## 1. The Monthly Packet

Due to your league Vice President, postmarked *or e-mailed* by the 1st of each month.

\*\* "Summer" is ONE packet covering June - August \*\*

- You must complete 8 packets (State -> State) and submit them on time.
- First year schools\* complete 6 packets of the 7 packets (Oct - State) and submit them on time.  
\* note: this does not include all new members - it is for schools that just opened \*

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. If sent US mail these must be signed by Advisor and Student Body President (or designee) (See below for e-mail directions.)
- Activity calendar (activities on your campus that month - may be a list or handwritten calendar)
- Retrospect Sheet (How did you do on last month's goals?)
- Agenda from one meeting (from last month)
- Minutes from one meeting (from the same date as the agenda)

## 2. Charitable Financial Contributions

Sponsor a specific fund raising activity to raise funds and awareness for the charity of your choice. Must be documented.

\*\* 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 \*\*

## 3. Community Service (not including financial contributions)

Three Community Service Projects per year (time - not money). Must be documented.

#### 4. State and Regional Participation

- (a) A typed article for two issues of the State Newsletter (from the Council, not a state officer)
- (b) Attendance at Regional Conference
- (c) Attendance at State Conference
- (d) 4 Contacts with your Sister School(s)  
Minimum contact must include:
  - 1 contact after the State Conference but before Sept. 1
  - 1 contact between Sept 1 - Oct 31
  - 1 contact between Nov 1 - Dec 31
  - 1 contact between Jan 1 - March 1*A contact is: sending a tangible item (letter, package, idea share, etc or a meeting of members from each council.[ not e-mail or phone calls from one council member to another]
- (e) Activity with Middle School (feeder schools)

#### 5. School Involvement

- (a) Spirit activities -five per year. (i.e. spirit rally, assembly, car rally, tailgate party, pack the gym)
- (b) Staff Appreciation -three per year.
- (c) Dance - 1 per year
- (d) School Service (campus beautification, volunteering time to staff, etc.) OR Campus wide Educational Program (diversity, drug/alcohol awareness, health issues, non-partisan civic/government education)
- (e) Evidence of Leadership Training (Addressing topics such as communication, group dynamics, time management. This may be done at a retreat, after school inservice or during leadership class.)
- (f) Student Recognition- 2 per year: Recognizing students or student groups for achievements (Student of the day/month program, Renaissance program, academic assembly, Congratulatory gift/signs for Chess Club, Drama Club, Forensic team, etc.)
- (g) Scrapbook **\*\*These will be on display at Conference!\*\***  
In addition to proof of accomplishing Silver Star criteria, the scrapbook must contain:
  - copy of the Silver Star application signed by the appropriate parties
  - a table of contents and/or tabs indicating where Silver Star events can be verified
  - copy of the council's current constitution

Awards will be given at the State Conference

(If you feel there are special circumstances that would keep you from completing one of the requirements, please contact your Executive Director)