

2017 Mock Election Award Application

The American Association of School Administrators, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Student Councils, and the League of Women Voters all sponsor awards for outstanding voter education projects in cooperation with the National Student/Parent Mock Election.

DEADLINE: **February 15, 2017**

Please read the list below and check the award(s) for which you are applying.

- THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AWARD **(States)** “For outstanding leadership in voter education”
- THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AWARD **(School Districts)** “For outstanding leadership in voter education”
- THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS **(Schools)** “For outstanding contributions to teaching democracy”
- THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS/RUTH HOLLANDER AWARD **(Student-led projects)** “For outstanding contributions to democratic participation”
- THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AWARD **(Class)** “For increasing parent and community participation in the Mock Election and/or in the actual election”

Applicant Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Zip: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Fax _____

Number: _____

Project Name: _____

Participating Partners: _____

You may use this form or answer questions on separate sheets of paper. Please observe a 500-word limit for each answer. Forms must be typed or printed.

1) Please describe your project (brief project summary.)

2) Please state the goals of the project, and describe the techniques or strategies you used to meet them. **Did you make use of new technology as part of your strategy? If so, how?**

3) Describe the participants in your project at each **stage** of its implementation. How many people were involved and what were their roles? Were they teachers, students, parents, or others?

4) Who was your intended audience or who did you hope the project would impact? How well did you succeed in reaching them? How do you know?

5) Did your project (a) include effective outreach to at-risk students or parents likely to be nonvoters? (b) significantly improve parent involvement in the Mock Election? (c) increase overall participation rates in the Mock Election?

6) What was/were the specific outcome(s) of the project? Did it have measurable impact? What criteria did you use to measure impact or success?

7) In what way did your project advance the goals of the National Student/Parent Mock Election to (a) increase the belief that voting is important? (b) improve political decision-making ability? (c) increase informed involvement on current issues (d) increase the belief that social studies classes are relevant? (e) increase student's discussion of political and election topics with their parents? (f) decrease the sense of powerlessness?

8) **Is there anything else you believe** makes your project an award-winning effort?

Please be sure to enclose letters, photos, news reports, students' work, videotapes, samples of your materials, and anything else that will help to give the National Student/Parent Mock Election a better picture of what was accomplished. Digital attachments are fine but should be clearly identified both on the application and on the item.

Award Application Enclosures

- STUDENT/SCHOOL PRODUCED VIDEOTAPE(S)
- NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS
- STILL/DIGITAL PHOTOS
- DVDs, TAPES OF TV NEWS COVERAGE, ETC.
- GOVERNOR'S LETTER, PROCLAMATION, ETC.
- SENATORS', CONGRESS MEMBERS, SECRETARY OF STATE LETTERS
- CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER'S OR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LETTERS, NEWSLETTERS MENTIONING THE MOCK ELECTION
- PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER(S) MENTIONING THE MOCK ELECTION
- PRESS RELEASES
- SAMPLES OF MAILINGS SENT OUT
- STUDENTS'/SCHOOL'S WORK YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
- CURRICULUM MATERIALS YOU PREPARED
- OTHER

NOTE: We are looking for examples of outstanding projects to put on our website. Please be sure you have parental permission slips if needed.