

Virginia Student Councils Association
2023-2024 Academic Year Awards



Applications and nominations are now being accepted for:

Achievement Award
Administrators of the Year
Advisors of the Year
Outstanding Student Council Project Award

These awards will be presented during the
97th Annual VSCA State Convention
March 15-16, 2024

All applications must be submitted electronically by
January 22, 2024

Virginia Student Councils Association

Administrator of the Year



Philosophy

Each year, the Virginia Student Councils Association recognizes one school administrator (principal or assistant principal) at each level (elementary, middle, and high) in the state who has made an impact in their school's Student Council through continued support and participation. The honoree is chosen by the VSCA Advisory Committee and the VASSP Board of Directors based on a nomination application and letters of recommendation from the school's Student Council advisor, Student Council officer, and division superintendent.

Nomination Process

If you know of a school building-level administrator (principal or assistant principal) who has done an exemplary job in promoting and fostering student councils and should receive statewide recognition for his/her efforts, please nominate the school administrator by following the guidelines listed below. Nomination forms will be sent to all VSCA member schools.

- Each school may nominate one administrator whose school has been a member of VSCA for at least two years.
- Letters of recommendation must be submitted by the nominee's school Student Council advisor, school Student Council officer, and division superintendent. Recommendations should include the following information:
 - Support shown for Student Council activities on the local and state level.
 - Involvement in Student Council (please cite specific examples).
 - Demonstration of leadership skills which serve as a role model for students.
- Nominations must be made on the official digital nomination form and submitted by January 22, 2024.

Award

A plaque will be presented to the Administrator of the Year at each level at the 2024 Annual Convention.

Return digital nomination form and recommendations to: LFiscus@scaleader.org

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 22, 2024

Virginia Student Councils Association Administrator of the Year – Nomination Form



Nominee Information:

Name of Nominee _____ Principal Assistant Principal

School Name _____

Level: Elementary Middle High

School Address _____

School Phone _____ School Email _____

School Division/District _____ Region _____

Nominee Home Address _____

Nominee Home Phone _____ Number of years in administration _____

Number of years supporting Student Council _____

Name and address of local Newspaper/TV _____

Attach TYPED recommendations from:

- Nominee's school Student Council advisor
- Nominee's school Student Council officer
- Nominee's division superintendent or superintendent's designee

All recommendations should include the following information:

- Support shown for Student Council activities on the local and state levels
- Involvement in Student Council (please cite specific examples)
- Demonstration of leadership skills which serve as a role model for students

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Virginia Student Councils Association

Advisor of the Year



Philosophy

The Virginia Student Councils Association recognizes three advisors (one at each level – elementary, middle, and high) who have made an impact in their school's Student Council through continued support and participation by awarding the annual **Advisor of the Year** award. The honorees are chosen by the VSCA Advisory Committee based on a nomination application and letters of recommendation from the school's principal and Student Council officer.

Nomination Process

A Student Council advisor who has done an exemplary job in promoting and fostering council activities may be nominated for this award. Please nominate the advisor by following the guidelines listed below. Nomination forms will be sent to all VSCA member schools.

- Each school may nominate one advisor whose school has been a member of VSCA for at least two years.
- Letters of recommendation must be submitted by the nominee's school principal and school Student Council officer. Recommendations should include the following information:
 - Support shown for Student Council activities on the local and state level (please cite specific examples).
 - Participation and involvement in Student Council.
 - Demonstration of leadership skills which serve as a role model for students.
- Nominations must be made on the official digital nomination form and submitted by January 6, 2022.

Award

A plaque will be presented to the Advisor of the Year at each level at the 2024 Annual Convention. The Advisor of the Year at the middle or high school level may also be chosen by the VSCA Advisory Committee as Virginia's nominee for the Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award, given annually and based on criteria established by the National Association of Student Councils.

Return digital nomination form and recommendations to: LFiscus@scaleader.org

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 22, 2024

Virginia Student Councils Association Advisor of the Year – Nomination Form



Nominee Information:

Name of Nominee _____

School Name _____

Level: Elementary Middle High

School Address _____

School Phone _____ School Email _____

School Division _____ Region _____

Nominee Home Address _____

Nominee Home Phone _____ Number of years in education _____

Number of years as a Student Council advisor _____

Name and address of local Newspaper/TV _____

NOTE:

The middle or high school Advisor of the Year may be chosen as Virginia's nominee for the Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award presented annually by the National Association of Student Councils (NatStuCo). If this nomination is for a middle or high school advisor, please give the school's NatStuCo membership number and expiration date (if applicable):

_____ Exp. Date _____

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Virginia Student Councils Association

Outstanding Student Council Project Award



Philosophy

The 2024 VSCA State Convention will feature an exhibit of Student Council projects. Each member school in attendance at the Convention is encouraged to select and display one project that was completed during the 2023. Projects selected should relate to the year's VSCA theme "*To VSCA and Beyond: Where Leadership Has No Limits*" or should be selected from among the projects listed in the Achievement Award application. Projects will be on display throughout the convention to further highlight and recognize the hard work completed by Student Council students from around the Commonwealth. Furthermore, these displays will create an excellent opportunity to share ideas for new projects with other schools. One school's display from each level (elementary, middle and high) will be selected as the recipient of the **Outstanding Student Council Project Award**.

Registration

Schools interested in displaying an outstanding project must register with the state office no later than **March 1, 2024** by completing the Google Form found on the VSCA website (scaleader.org) under the Convention 2024 tab.

Project Requirements

1. Each school may submit one project.
2. Project displays may be no more than 40 inches wide, 30 inches deep, and 48 inches high. A tri-fold backdrop is recommended.
3. All displays should include:
 - a. School name
 - b. Title of project
 - c. A detailed description of project
 - d. Evidence of pre-project planning and post-project evaluations/feedback
 - f. The school's 2023–2024 theme/goals and how the chosen project relates to this theme/goals
 - g. A summary of anecdotes of the impact/success of project
4. Displays may also include:
 - a. Photos
 - b. Video or other media support (equipment must be provided by school and VSCA cannot assume responsibility for equipment)
 - c. Samples of items made, distributed, etc.
 - d. A notebook with detailed information about how the project was planned, carried out, and evaluated.

Judging Details

1. Projects will be judged on Saturday morning of the Convention.
2. One state award will be presented to the **Outstanding Student Council Project** from each level.
3. Awards will be presented at the closing session of the Convention.
4. Projects will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. Originality
 - b. Evidence of effective planning and evaluations/feedback
 - c. Effectiveness of the project
 - d. Quality of presentation
 - e. How well the project fits into the VSCA yearly theme

Virginia Student Councils Association Outstanding Student Council Project Award – Judges' Form



School Name

Project Title

Rate each topic on a scale of 1 through 5, with 1 being poor, 2 fair, 3 average, 4 good, and 5 above average.

Circle each rating.

Originality 1 2 3 4 5

Planning/Evaluation 1 2 3 4 5

Effectiveness 1 2 3 4 5

Quality 1 2 3 4 5

Theme Relevance 1 3 3 4 5

Total Score = _____

Comments: