

## **Omnibus clarification of the process for providing CEDA awards & adjustment of award criteria**

***Currently:***

### **XII. AWARDS**

Among the awards given by the Association at the National Tournament are the following:

Section 1: Scholastic All-American. First team Scholastic All-Americans must have (1) at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA, (2) have attained at least sophomore standing, and (3) a winning record in the open division (minimum of 18 rounds). Second team Scholastic All-Americans must have (1) at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA, (2) have attained at least sophomore standing, and (3) competed in at least 18 rounds in the open division. Honorable Mention Scholastic All-Americans must have (1) at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA, (2) have attained at least sophomore standing, and (3) competed in at least 18 rounds. There will be no minimum or maximum number of students eligible for any of these awards. CEDA should provide trophies to all First Team Scholastic All-Americans.

Section 2: All-American Debate Squad Award, which will be given annually to a maximum of thirty CEDA debaters for their competitive success; good conduct; and squad contributions.

A. Criteria. Recipients should demonstrate their competitive excellence, measured qualitatively or quantitatively; evidence of their commitment to fair play in the activity; and evidence of their contribution to the success and well-being of their forensics program.

B. Selection Process. There will be at least one recipient from each of the CEDA regions and at-large recipients (who may come from any district) to total no more than thirty. At least two recipients must be from community college programs. The President will appoint a selection committee. No more than two students from a given school shall receive this award.

C. Awards. Suitable awards, funded by proceeds from the National Tournament, will be given to recipients at the National Tournament. The Public Relations Committee will publicize the winners to the news media and universities.

Section 3: Founders' Award. The Founders' Award will be given annually to the school accumulating the most points over time in CEDA sweepstakes. When a school wins the Founders' Award, their accumulated points revert to zero and they begin accumulating points anew the following year.

Section 4: Garrison Newcomers' Award. The Garrison Newcomers' Award is given annually to the school with highest sweepstakes points who currently is an affiliate member and who has not previously won the award.

Section 5: Brownlee Award. The Brownlee Award is given annually to a forensic educator who demonstrates outstanding achievement in scholarship, education and service to CEDA.

Section 6: Future engraving costs for any travelling awards presented by CEDA shall be borne by the CEDA treasury as an annual expense.

Section 7: Teams that attend and participate in six or fewer CEDA sanctioned debate tournaments, excluding the CEDA National Tournament, will be eligible for the Select Sweepstakes award. The same formula for determining the national sweepstakes will be used. Teams eligible for the Select Sweepstakes award will be equally eligible for national and regional awards.

Section 8: The National Public Debate Award.

A. This award is given to the intercollegiate debate program which, over the course of the past academic year, has best advanced the values of debate in the public sphere through sponsorship of one or more public debate activities including international public debates, radio or television debates, public debates on campus or for community groups, and through general promotion of public discourse through diverse for a to promote critical examination of public issues for general audiences.

B. Programs seeking this recognition should submit a portfolio including a narrative description of their public debate activities. Programs are also asked to submit supporting materials of their choosing which might include participant lists, publicity and promotional materials, attendance figures, transcripts or recordings (audio, video, CD, etc.), commendations and letters of appreciation, and any other materials that they feel are appropriate.

C. The CEDA President shall designate appropriate individuals or a committee to receive, evaluate, and archive materials. The individuals or committee may elect to give up to three awards (recognized by plaques or trophies) and may also recognize as many Honorable Mention entrants as they deem appropriate. Each recipient and Honorable Mention will receive recognition through letters sent to the appropriate officers of their academic institutions.

Portfolios will be submitted to the designated individual or committee representative no later than the entry due date of the CEDA national tournament.

Section 9: Galentine Award. The annual award named in honor of Rebecca Galentine is designed to recognize an outstanding female debate coach in CEDA. Service to programs and the organization, community building and competitive success are the criteria for award selection.

Section 10: Brian "Baby Jo" Johnston Debater of the Year Award. The annual award named in honor of 1994 CEDA National Champion Brian Johnston is designed to recognize an outstanding debater in CEDA. Competitive success and service to the community are criteria for award selection.

Section 11: Outstanding New Competitor Award

A. Criteria: The recipient will be selected among a pool of applicants who began their participation in interscholastic debate in college, are in their first year of competition and are participating at the CEDA championship tournament. Their application should show evidence of growth and participation in the activity. The student's participation during the year may have been at any level of competition (e.g. varsity, junior varsity or novice). No preference will be given for either regional or national travel schedules.

B. Selection Process: Criteria will be developed for the Awards Committee, as well as a

Nomination Form. Nominations must be in writing, including completion of the nomination form and a letter of recommendation from a student's coach verifying their eligibility for the award. Nominations may come from any member school.

#### Section 12: CEDA Alumni Award

A. Criteria: The award recognizes outstanding achievement, contribution and service by a program alumna of a member school. The recipient need not necessarily need be present at national championship tournament to win the award.

B. Selection Criteria will be developed for the Awards Committee, as well as a Nomination Form. Nominations must be in writing, including completion of the nomination form which articulates the specific contributions and a letter of recommendation from a student's coach verifying their eligibility for the award.

Nominations may come from any member school.

#### Section 13: Outstanding Graduate Student Coach

A. Criteria: This award is intended to recognize both the pedagogical and competitive contributions to the growth and development of policy debate by graduate student coaches, who are balancing their obligations to their school work and that of their programs. The recipient needs to demonstrate excellence in graduate and professional obligations as well as their work as coaches. Preference will be given to candidates who are present at the CEDA national championship tournament.

B. Selection Process: Criteria will be developed for the Awards Committee, as well as a Nomination Form. Nominations must be in writing, including completion of the nomination form which articulates the specific contributions and a letter of recommendation from a student's coach or director verifying their eligibility for the award. Nominations may come from any member school.

#### Section 14: Speaker of the Year

A. Criteria: The award acknowledges the contribution of an individual during the past year that made a positive contribution to public discourse on matters of social import. The award recipient is a public personality involved in local, regional, national or international affairs.

B. Selection Process: Criteria will be developed for the Awards Committee, as well as a Nomination Form. Nominations must be in writing, including completion of the nomination form which articulates the specific contributions and letter(s) of support. Nominations may come from any member school.

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### **Amend to:**

## **XII. AWARDS**

Section 1: National Recognition Awards\_ Each year the organization should solicit nominations and recognize members of the community by awarding the following honors. Each of these awards should be presented at the national tournament. An awards committee should be composed by the First Vice President to review nominations. Attendance at the national tournament is not a requirement for nomination. Suitable awards, funded by proceeds from the National Tournament, will be given to

recipients at the National Tournament. A budget for all trophies should be approved by the Executive Council as part of the annual budget. Future engraving costs for any travelling awards presented by CEDA shall be borne by the CEDA treasury as an annual expense. The organization will publicize the winners.

Section 2: Student Awards. The organization should solicit nominations of outstanding students for each of the following awards. Awards nominations should proceed in a uniform fashion, so that students nominated for the most exclusive award are also applying, if eligible, for all other student awards. Students may win multiple awards.

- A. Brian “Baby Jo” Johnston Debater of the Year Award. The annual award named in honor of 1994 CEDA National Champion Brian Johnston is designed to recognize an outstanding debater in CEDA. The ideal candidate demonstrates competitive success and a commitment to represent the highest values of the debate community.
- B. Outstanding New Competitor Award. The recipient will be selected among a pool of applicants who began their participation in interscholastic debate in college, are in their first year of competition and are participating at the CEDA championship tournament. Their application should show evidence of growth and participation in the activity. The student’s participation during the year may have been at any level of competition (e.g. varsity, junior varsity or novice). No preference will be given for either regional or national travel schedules.
- C. All-American Debate Squad Award. The organization should honor a maximum of thirty CEDA debaters as those students who represent the best of intercollegiate debate. They should demonstrate competitive success, academic success, good conduct, and contributions to their squad. No more than two students from a given school shall receive this award. At least two recipients must be from community college programs.
- D. National Debate Scholar. The organization should honor students who maintain strong academic records in addition to their competitive accomplishments. There will be no minimum or maximum number of students eligible for any of these awards. To be eligible for any level of national scholar recognition, a student must have attained at least junior standing, competed in at least 18 rounds on the current topic, and meet the minimum grade point average for that specific award.
  - a. National Debate Scholar – summa cum laude. Minimum 3.75 GPA.
  - b. National Debate Scholar - magna cum laude. Minimum 3.5 GPA.
  - c. National Debate Scholar - cum laude. Minimum 3.25 GPA.
  - d. National Debate Scholar – Honorable Mention. Minimum 3.0 GPA

Section 3: Coaching Awards. The organization should solicit nominations of outstanding coaches for each of the following awards.

- A. The Brownlee Award. The Brownlee Award is given annually to a forensic educator who demonstrates outstanding achievement in scholarship, education and service to CEDA. The award is named in honor of longtime coach and

founding CEDA member Don Brownlee. The ideal candidate demonstrates some element of all three factors (scholarship, education and service to CEDA).

- B. The Galentine Award. The annual award named in honor of Rebecca Galentine is designed to recognize an outstanding female debate coach in CEDA. The ideal candidate can demonstrate service to programs and the organization, community building and competitive success.
- C. The Matt Grindy Outstanding Graduate Student Coach Award. This award is intended to recognize both the pedagogical and competitive contributions to the growth and development of policy debate by graduate student coaches, who are balancing their obligations to their school work and that of their programs. The recipient needs to demonstrate excellence in graduate and professional obligations as well as their work as coaches.

#### Section 4: Program Awards

- A. Select Sweepstakes Award. Teams that attend and participate in six or fewer CEDA sanctioned debate tournaments, excluding the CEDA National Tournament, will be eligible for the Select Sweepstakes award. The same formula for determining the national sweepstakes will be used. Teams eligible for the Select Sweepstakes award will be equally eligible for national and regional awards.
- B. Founders' Award. The Founders' Award will be given annually to the school accumulating the most points over time in CEDA sweepstakes. When a school wins the Founders' Award, their accumulated points revert to zero and they begin accumulating points anew the following year.
- C. Garrison Newcomers' Award. The Garrison Newcomers' Award is given annually to the school with highest sweepstakes points who currently is an affiliate member and who has not previously won the award.
- D. The National Public Debate Award.
  1. This award is given to the intercollegiate debate program which, over the course of the past academic year, has best advanced the values of debate in the public sphere through sponsorship of one or more public debate activities including international public debates, multimedia debates, public debates on campus or for community groups, and through general promotion of public discourse to promote critical examination of public issues for diverse and general audiences.
  2. Nominees should submit a portfolio including a narrative description of their public debate activities. Programs are also asked to submit supporting materials of their choosing which might include participant lists, publicity and promotional materials, attendance figures, transcripts or recordings, commendations and letters of appreciation, and any other materials that they feel are appropriate.
  3. The awards committee may elect to provide up to three awards each year and may also recognize as many Honorable Mention entrants as they deem appropriate. Each recipient and Honorable Mention will receive recognition through letters sent to the appropriate officers of their academic institutions.

Section 5: Community Awards. The organization should recognize the following outstanding members of the extended debate community.

- A. CEDA Alumni Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievement, contribution and service by a program alumna of a member school. The best candidates are those who are not active coaches, but those alumni who embody the best values of debate through their own debate, philanthropy, leadership. These candidates, trained in debate, should now provide valuable service to our larger communities.
- B. Public Advocate of the Year. The award acknowledges the contribution of an individual during the past year that made a positive contribution to public discourse on matters of social import. The award recipient need not have a direct relationship to intercollegiate debate, but must be someone who has made a significant difference in local, regional, national or international affairs.