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Awards Policy

Approved by the General Assembly on Saturday, January 1, 2023

This Policy covers awards that are given out each year by the NDSA General Assembly.

GRANTING AWARDS

NDSA may grant the following awards during each academic year:

- **Outstanding Officer Award**: The Outstanding Officer Award is given to an officer on the NDSA Executive Team that the General Assembly believes has gone above and beyond expectations in service to the NDSA and the students of North Dakota.
- **Outstanding Head Delegate Award**: The Outstanding Head Delegate Award is given to the NDSA Head Delegate that has best represented their institution through their commitment to the NDSA and who has worked diligently to foster a strong delegation throughout the academic year.
- **Dedicated Delegates Awards**: The Most Dedicated Delegates Awards are given to the NDSA Delegates that the General Assembly believes have been the most committed to the organization throughout the academic year. These awards must be given to delegates from two separate universities.
- **Student Advocate Award**: The Student Advocate Award is given to any individual – student or non–student – that the General Assembly believes has made a significant, positive improvement to higher education in North Dakota during the academic year.
- **NDSA Legacy Award**: The NDSA Legacy Award is given to a student graduating from the North Dakota University System who will not be able to vote in future meetings. The General Assembly must believe that this delegate has made a powerful, positive, and reoccurring contribution to the students of North Dakota and higher education throughout their time at the NDSA.
- The NDSA General Assembly may approve any additional awards by submitting a proposal in resolution format.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for awards is as follows:

- A. The Most Dedicated Delegate Award may only be given to a student of the North Dakota University System who has served as a delegate to NDSA and has not previously received the Most Dedicated Delegate Award.
- B. The Student Advocate Award may be awarded to any person.
- C. Only one person may receive either of the aforementioned awards during an academic year.



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SELECTION

The procedure for selecting the NDSA Award recipients shall be as follows:

- A. The NDSA Assembly shall vote on the awards by the end of the academic year.
- B. Debate shall be limited to one speech per delegate, and the debate may only address the positive qualities of a nominee.
- C. During deliberations, all nominees shall be asked to leave the assembly room.

VOTING

- A. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A revote will occur if no candidate receives a majority with the bottom half of receivers being removed from consideration, rounding so as to be as inclusive as possible.
- B. Voting delegates for each institution shall be reapportioned for the purpose of choosing the aforementioned awards: each two-year NDUS institution shall be allocated 4 voting delegates and each four-year NDUS institution shall be allocated 5 voting delegates.
 - a. Quorum for voting for awards shall be set at half of the total allocated voting delegates adding one, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.