**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS**

**HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE LEVEL 2024-2025 TOP PROJECTS AWARD**



TASC recognizes the most outstanding projects by local HS and ML councils each year. Student councils may submit their best projects using the format outlined below. Submissions will be judged by a committee chaired by the TASC Parliamentarian School. This competition is open to all member schools. There are two categories: individual council projects and collaborative council projects (projects amongst two or more school student councils).

* Up to ten individual council awards will be presented to high school councils. Collaborative schools submitting award-winning projects will be given a plaque for up to four schools.
* Up to five individual council awards will be presented to middle-level councils. Collaborative schools submitting award-winning projects will be given a plaque for up to four schools.

**ENTRY RULES FOR COMPETITION**

1. Entries must be submitted via the TASC website and completed in one sitting. You may print this form and use it as a guide.

2. NAME of project

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES (What were you trying to accomplish with the project?)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION of the activities. Attach up to one page (12 pt. font, double-spaced) explaining the purpose/objectives and a description of the project.

DESCRIPTION OF INVOLVEMENT with: (to be noted on the form.)

a) student council members

b) other students

c) other school organizations

d) faculty

e) community

f) other student councils

3. The entry must be accompanied by a signed evaluation by at least one teacher, administrator, or staff member other than the submitting student council advisor. This may be a letter, a survey, etc.

4. The entry may include up to five photographs.

5. Councils may submit up to one individual Top Project entry and one collaborative Top Project entry per year.

6. An advisor must upload all entries to the TASConline.org website. Once you have submitted your online application, you will receive an email from TASC confirming receipt of your application. (The TASC website does not accept Google Docs.)

7. Winning entries will receive an award determined by the TASC Board of Directors. Councils applying for award-winning projects will receive a plaque. Additional schools listed in collaborative project award winners will receive a certificate.

8. You are asked to submit contact information for every council involved in a collaborative project.

9. Number of awards: Individual – up to 10 HS, up to 5 ML; Collaborative – up to 3 at HS, and up to 1 ML

**Judging Criteria:**

1. How well does the project meet objectives? 0-5

2. Amount of involvement in preparation with:

a) the council(s) 0-5

b) the student(s) 0-5

c) other school organizations 0-5

d) teachers 0-5

e) community 0-5

3. Originality of project idea 0-5

4. Overall results and success from the standpoint of:

a) student body participation/reaction 0-5

b) faculty/community participation/reaction 0-5

5. Consideration of the circumstances of the project as it relates

to the size (number) of the school(s)/community(ies)/group(s), etc.. 0-5

6. Evaluation(s) received 0-5

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 55**

Point totals will select the finalists from all outstanding project submissions. The committee will then determine award winners based on originality and innovation.

**Submission deadlines differ for middle-level and high school. See the website for entry deadlines.**

Name of Project:         Winter Wonderland

Purpose and Objectives:

We aimed to provide a free, warm & safe environment full of holiday merriment where current Mustangs can unwind for a reprieve in the middle of finals week and future Mustangs can visit with parents and participate in the fun activities that were manned by Student Council leaders.

Students brainstormed the booths and created the shopping lists. Students devised a 20-minute rotation schedule so they’d get a chance to lead each activity/booth: Christmas karaoke room, Holiday movie marathon & popcorn station, DIY ornament making, gingerbread house construction contest, cookie decorating, “Dear Santa” letter station / post office, face painting, paper-snowball fight photo booth, festive “Human Christmas Tree” decorating contests, and door prizes. This year, we printed and cut out more than 2,400 mini flyers and delivered them to our feeder elementary schools to increase our reach and community participation.

To improve last year’s attendance record, we utilized social media to push the QR code for online RSVPing through our Google Form, and the first 100 pre-RSVPd who showed up received free Raising Cane’s chicken and lemonade. We had nearly 350 people attend, a mix of current students, staff & their families, and our future Mustangs.

We partnered with our drill team to create the welcome committee at the front door, Legends Show Choir sang carols, orchestra members played holiday music downstairs, Folkorico dance team, and senior exec sold concessions, and PTSA ran the popcorn machine. Student Council members and AVID leaders manned the hot cocoa stations throughout.

Overall, it was a very successful evening! Admin was impressed, and became more willing to approve our daring and adventurous goals, and our students got to be kids, releasing stress and just *playing* (off screens!). We’ve already created a plan of action to make it bigger and better for next year.



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**☐ High School** **☐ Middle Level**



**Entry Cover Sheet**

**Please indicate:**

**This is an individual council project.** **X**

**this is a collaborative council project.** **☐**

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| **School Name submitting the application.** | **School Address:** |
| Creekview High School | 3201 Old Denton Rd |
| **School City/State/Zip:** | **Size of Community(ies):** |
| Carrollton, TX 75007 | 1,700 current students; 2,400 future students (elem) |
| **Advisor Name:** | **Advisor E-Mail:** |
| Rae Cain | [cainr@cfbisd.edu](mailto:cainr@cfbisd.edu) |
| **Principal Name:** | **Principal Signature & Email Address** |
| Leon Sulak | [sulakl@cfbisd.edu](mailto:sulakl@cfbisd.edu) |
| **School UIL Classification:** |  |
| 5A |  |
| **Project Name:** | **Project Dates:** |
| Winter Wonderland | 12/12/24 |
| **Total Number of Students in Council(s):** | **Number of Members Involved in the Project:** |
| 60 | 48 |
| **Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):** | **Number of Other Students Involved in Project:** |
| 1,700 | 8 |
| **Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):** | **Number of Faculty Involved in Project:** |
| 112 | 4 |
| **Number of Community Groups Involved in Project** | **Number of Community Members Involved in Project** |
| 8 | 12 |

**This information must be submitted online. The TASC website does not accept Google docs.**

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.   
Upload photos, newspaper articles, etc. **Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.**

Please upload one good jpeg of the project separately.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle-Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

Top Projects Rating Sheet (for judges only) Councils may want this as a reference.

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| **School Name** | **1 Not Met** | **2** | **3**  **Met** | **4** | **5**  **Exceeds** |
| **Project Meets Objective** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Amount of Involvement: Council** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Amount of Involvement: Student(s)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Amount of Involvement: Other School Organizations** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Amount of Involvement: Teachers** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Amount of Involvement: Community** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Originality** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall Results: Students** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall Results: Faculty/Community** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Project relative to school/community size** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Submitted proposal for presentation at conference** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Evaluation Score Subtotals** |  |  |  |  |  |

**Total Evaluation Score**      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For Collaborative Project, list contact information for all councils involved.**

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| **School Name** | **School Mailing Address (include zip code)** | **Advisor Name** | **Advisor Email Address** |
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