

Virginia Student Councils Association  
**2021-2022 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  
**95<sup>th</sup> Annual VSCA State Convention**  
**March 25-26, 2022**

All applications must be submitted by  
**January 6, 2022**

Virginia Student Councils Association  
**2022 Achievement Award Application – Project Checklist**



Each year, the Virginia Student Councils Association honors member schools who promote leadership and community service through their school’s Student Council activities by presenting the **Achievement Award**. The Elections and Awards Committee will review award applications and designate the recipients.

To be recognized, schools must apply and submit documentation of completing a variety of activities. The required and additional projects must be assembled in a portfolio and reviewed by the school principal. All member schools that complete the criteria will receive the Award. Including photos and videos in the portfolio for your principal is encouraged, but optional.

Schools must complete at least one (1) required project from the first category and additional projects of their choice from the second category for a total of six (6) for elementary schools, seven (7) for middle schools, or nine (9) for high schools. All projects must have occurred within the current calendar year. Any of the listed projects may have been conducted in person or virtually, by the whole council or by individual members on behalf of the council.

**Required Project Related to State Theme** (Each school must select one.)

	In Portfolio	Principal Reviewed
1. Conducted a school project with community, state, national, or international impact based on the 2020-21 theme “Leadership Gone Wild” if conducted January–June or the 2021-22 theme, “Seas the Day” if conducted July–December.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Planned, hosted, and conducted a Leadership Workshop.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Organized a leadership development initiative that involved elementary, middle, and/or high schools in your community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional Project Ideas** (From this section, each school must select: five (5) for elementary schools, six (6) for middle schools, or eight (8) for high schools.)

	In Portfolio	Principal Reviewed
4. Organized a school-wide service project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Organized a community-based service project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Organized a food drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Volunteered at a nonprofit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Conducted an awareness campaign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Conducted a campus beautification project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Conducted a service project in collaboration with another school (elementary, middle, or high school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Conducted an activity that contributes to the development of positive school climate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	In Portfolio	Principal Reviewed
12. Participated in the orientation of new students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Created a school-wide mentoring activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Conducted an appreciation activity for the local school board or principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Conducted an appreciation activity for faculty and/or staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Sponsored an activity that fosters positive relations between faculty/staff and students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Held an "Administrator for the Day" event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Conducted at least ten Student Council meetings during the year (5 must be executive council and 5 must be general council. Include one agenda.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Reviewed and revised the SCA/SGA bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Recruited a school to join VSCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Held an SCA/SGA installation ceremony	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Held a county/division meeting of Student Councils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Conducted an officer training program for council and/or club officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Established or helped facilitate a student council at a middle or elementary school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Conducted a school-wide fundraising project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Held a Student Council-sponsored assembly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Sponsored an educational or academic project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Participated in voter registration drive/mock election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Collaborated on a council project with a parent group connected to the school (PTSA, booster club, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Provide evidence of responsible and active use of technology to engage students and serve as the student voice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Submitted NatStuCo National Council of Excellence Award application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Submitted a newsletter article to VSCA featuring a student council project or event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Participated in a VSCA regional workshop or state meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Other (school/theme related project). Explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# 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 6, 2022.

### **Award**

A plaque will be presented to the Administrator of the Year at each level at the 2022 Annual Convention.

***Return digital nomination form and recommendations to: [LFiscus@scaleader.org](mailto:LFiscus@scaleader.org)***

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 6, 2022**

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 2022 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.

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 6, 2022**

# 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:

# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Virginia Student Councils Association

## Outstanding Student Council Project Award



### Philosophy

The 2022 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 2021–2022 school year. Projects selected should relate to the year's VSCA theme "*Seas the Day*" 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, 2022** by completing the Google Form found on the VSCA website ([scaleader.org](http://scaleader.org)) under the Convention 2022 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 2021–2022 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.

### 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 year 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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