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need to participate  
in JCI Awards  
can be found  
inside!

# JCI AWARDS MANUAL

A guide to prepare your JCI Awards entries



## Introduction

In the summer of 2008, the JCI Strategic Planning Committee gathered to evaluate the state of the organization. The meetings provided specific recommendations and suggested action steps to improve the organization. One of the recommendations that resulted from this committee meeting was to, “Align all programs with the JCI Mission and Vision.” In 2010, the JCI Awards Review Committee collaborated to evaluate the state of the JCI Awards and come up with ideas to improve and align the entire program with the JCI Mission and Vision.

The JCI Awards Manual presents details of the new JCI Awards Program based on the results from the 2010 JCI Awards Review Committee.

## Constitutional Bylaws and Policies Regarding JCI Awards

As of 2012, the following provisions reproduced from the JCI Constitution and Policy Manual govern the awards program.

### *BYLAW 18-4. AWARDS:*

*SECTION 1. FUNCTION: To recognize and honor outstanding achievement in the fulfillment of the purposes of JCI by National Organizations, Local Organizations or Individual Members.*

*SECTION 2. DEVELOPMENT: The development of international awards shall be initiated by the Secretary General who shall ensure their relevance to the Areas of Opportunity and to the membership development of National and Local Organizations.*

*SECTION 3. NEW AWARDS AND AWARD CHANGES: The adoption of new awards, of substitutions or of changes in the award descriptions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of General Assembly.*

### *SECTION 4. AWARDS JUDGING AT CONGRESS:*

- a. Each National Organization shall be entitled to designate up to three (3) members to serve at the awards judging sessions at Congress. The Executive Committee shall appoint an awards judging panel from the names so designated by their National Organizations, and each member of that panel shall have one (1) vote.*
- b. In case the Executive Committee feels that the number of names received is not sufficient to constitute the panel, it may add more members. However, there shall not be more than three (3) members from one National Organization.*
- c. Upon completion of judging, the awards judges shall review the entry rules and related matters and propose desirable changes to the Board of Directors at their post-Congress meeting. The Board may adopt these proposals by a simple majority.*

*SECTION 5. ELIGIBILITY: Only National Organizations and members of National*

*Organizations in good standing shall be eligible to submit entries for awards.*

## **Official Rules of the JCI Awards Program**

All JCI National and Local Organizations may submit entries for JCI Awards subject to the following provisions:

### **1. Eligibility**

- a. The National Organization must have met its financial obligations and be eligible to vote at the Area Conference or World Congress where the awards entry is being submitted.
- b. All entries by Local Organizations must be certified by the National President, certifying that the Local Organization is a member in good standing and that it has been included in the declaration of membership last submitted to JCI.

### **2. Submitting Entries**

- a. An entry may be presented only in one category. The same project may not be represented in multiple award categories.
- b. During Area Conference Award Programs, National Organizations may only present one entry per category.
- c. Area Conference winning entries will be automatically sent to the World Congress Award Program.
- d. During World Congress Award Programs, beyond from the Area Conference winning entries, National Organizations may only submit one entry per category.

### **3. Language Policy**

- a. World Congress Award entries must be submitted in English.
- b. If an Area Conference winning award is in another language, it must be translated to be eligible for the World Congress Awards Program.

### **4. Judging Policy**

- a. In order for entries to be eligible, JCI National Organizations submitting more than one entry must provide at least one judge. There will be no limit on the number of judges submitted by a National Organization.
- b. The deadline to register judges is the same as the editing deadline.
- c. If no entries in a category score above 65%, there shall be no winner.

- d. A judge may not participate in judging an award category for which his/her National Organization has submitted entries.
- e. Decisions of the judging panel shall be final and binding and there will be no appeals regarding these decisions.
- f. Entries from National Organizations not in good standing on the date of General Assembly 1 of the current Conference or Congress will not qualify.

## **5. Eligible Time Frame**

- a. All award entries must be edited and approved by the National President by the editing deadline set approximately a month prior to the event. The JCI Website and monthly E-newsletter will announce these dates each year.
- b. An entry that won in the World Congress Awards Program cannot be entered to the Area Conference or World Congress Award programs again the following year.
- c. The Conference Awards period extends from January 1 of the previous year to December 31 of the previous year.
- d. The Congress Awards period includes the Conference Awards period and extends through October of the current year.

## JCI Award Categories

### **Best National Flagship Program**

*A National Flagship Program contributes to the JCI Mission and Vision, and involves JCI members and Local Organizations from across the National Organization.*

- Strategy and Implementation
- Benefit to and Participation of Local Organizations and Members
- Community Impact
- Public Relations, Visibility, Partnerships and Finances
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best National Growth & Development Program**

*JCI National Organizations focus on the growth and continued development of the JCI movement throughout the nation.*

- Strategic Plan
- Involvement of National Board of Directors and Members
- Methods of implementation
- Results Achieved
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Local Community Empowerment Program**

*Projects and programs run by JCI Local Organizations to improve the community and extend the JCI Mission.*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Membership Participation
- Community Impact
- Impact on the Local Organization
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Long-term Local Community Development Program**

*Projects and programs run by JCI Local Organizations over a period of more than one year to improve the community and extend the JCI Mission.*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Membership Participation
- Community Impact
- Impact on the Local Organization
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Local Economic Development Program**

*Programs run by JCI Local Organizations that promote the economic development in their community.*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Promotion of Free Enterprise
- Impact on Local Economy
- Impact on Community and Participants
- Partnerships and Public Relations
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Local Personal Skill Development Program**

*Programs run by JCI Local Organizations that further the JCI Mission by creating development opportunities for young people to create positive change and developing the skills of individuals.*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Membership Participation
- Skills Developed
- Impact on the Participants
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Local Growth and Development Program**

*Programs run by JCI Local Organizations and members that aim to grow JCI in order to create development opportunities for more young people in their community.*

- Strategic Plan
- Involvement of Local Board of Directors and Members
- Methods of implementation
- Results Achieved
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Local UN MDG Project**

*Projects run by JCI Local Organizations that work to advance the UN Millennium Development Goals.*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Membership Participation
- Community Impact
- Link with UN Agencies or Partners
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Local Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Program**

*Programs run by JCI Local Organizations that further the UN Global Compact's Mission to promote and spread the values of Corporate Social Responsibility.*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Community Impact
- Alignment to One or More of the Ten Principles through Concrete Measures
- Results Achieved
- Impact on Local Organization
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Inter-organization Collaboration Project**

*JCI Local Organizations benefit from collaborating with members of other JCI Organizations and can increase their impact by working together.*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Cooperation between the Local Organizations
- Impact on Members and Contribution to the JCI Vision
- Community Impact
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Best Local OMOIYARI Project**

*Projects run by JCI Local Organizations that contribute to and promote lasting world peace*

- Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution
- Cooperation for the Sake of World Peace
- Community Impact
- Impact on Local Organization
- Long-term Impact of the Program

### **Most Outstanding New Local Organization**

- Strategic Plan
- Recruitment Strategy
- Individual Development Programs and Results
- Community Development Programs and Results
- International Development Programs and Results
- Economic Development Programs and Results

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### **Most Outstanding New Member**

- Impact on Local Organization
- Community Impact
- Participation in Training and Orientation Programs
- Participation in Community and International Events
- Exemplification of JCI Values in JCI Activities
- Exemplification of JCI Values in Personal Life

### **Most Outstanding Member**

- Impact on Local and National Organization
- Community Impact
- Participation in JCI Events
- Exemplification of JCI Values in JCI Activities
- Exemplification of JCI Values in Personal Life

### **Most Outstanding Local President**

- Leadership, Motivation, Inspiration of Members
- Community Impact
- Impact on Local Organization
- Participation in JCI Events
- Exemplification of JCI Values in JCI Activities
- Exemplification of JCI Values in Personal Life

### **Most Outstanding National President**

- Administration
- Leadership, Motivation, Inspiration of Members
- Activities: Impact of Projects
- Attendance at JCI Events
- Participation in JCI

### **Special Awards**

- The JCI World Public Speaking Championship
- The JCI World Debating Championship
- The JCI First Timers Competition
- The Joaquín V. González Memorial Award