



2009 NMUN-DC Awards

The National Model United Nations has established a number of criteria for evaluating performance. Each element – remaining in character, participating in committee and proper use of the rules of procedure – is equally important to the overall awards determination process. All committees are weighted equally and delegations are rated on a mathematical formula in relation to the total number of committees represented by the individual Member state. A complete explanation is found at www.nmun.org/dc_recognition.html. Awards are given by NCCA in recognition of preparation,

Outstanding Position Paper Awards, as well as other overall delegation awards based on work during NMUN in the categories of: Honorable Mention, Distinguished Delegation, and Outstanding Delegation. They are listed in alphabetical order. These and individual committee awards voted on by delegates in committee are listed below.

Outstanding Delegations	Burkina Faso	University of Colorado - Boulder
	Russia	University of Texas at Dallas
	Uganda	Manhattan College

Distinguished Delegations	France	West Virginia University
	Iran	California State University – Sacramento
	South Africa	Juniata College

Honorable Mention	Croatia	Texas Christian University
	Israel	IDE Italian Universities
	Philippines	San Diego State University
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	University of California - Riverside

Outstanding Position Papers	GA First	Pakistan
	GA Third	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
	Security Council	France
	African Union	Burkina Faso
	ESCAP	The Netherlands
	Special Session: Children and Armed Conflict	Uganda
	UNEP	Croatia

Outstanding Delegates in Committee (Peer Voting)	GA First	Russian Federation
	GA Third	Philippines
	Security Council	France
	African Union	South Africa
	ESCAP	Russian Federation and The Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Special Session: Children and Armed Conflict	United States of America
	UNEP	Germany

Awards Philosophy

Although the NMUN recognizes the potential of awards to foster competition rather than collaboration in its simulation, awards continue to be offered in response to requests by the majority of participating schools. The Secretariat selects recipients based on the criteria and methodology outlined at http://www.nmun.org/dc_recognition.html. No one can observe every action in committee or truly judge an individual's learning and growth. We believe participation in the simulation is its own reward. It advances understanding of the UN and contemporary international issues, and it has changed the lives of many delegates. We urge all delegates and their faculty advisors to maintain an appropriate perspective regarding the awards. The fundamental basis of the simulation is collaboration and cooperation among nations, which includes working together through multilateral diplomacy. There are no winners and certainly no losers in this process.