



Award Policy

SSUNS is first and foremost a forum designed to foster meaningful dialogue and develop impactful solutions to complex global issues. Its purpose is to enrich students' learning experiences, not to confine them to a rigid checklist of award criteria. The criteria for top awards depend on each delegate's creativity and engagement, which cannot be fully quantified.

We recognize the motivation that awards provide and the importance of acknowledging excellence. SSUNS places particular emphasis on soft skills, including advocacy, leadership, ingenuity, and diplomacy. Awards are granted to delegates whose conduct significantly enhances the learning experience of their peers.

At SSUNS, awards are presented under two main categories: **Individual Awards** and **Delegation Awards**.

Individual Awards

Gavels

- **Viola Desmond Award for Advocacy** (3 points)
- **Hide Hyodo Shimizu Award for Leadership (only for GAs, ECOSOCs, & Specialized Agencies)** (3 points)
 - **Frederick Banting for Ingenuity (only for Crisis)** (3 points)
- **Sergeant Tommy Prince Award for Diplomacy** (3 points)

All gavel awards are considered equivalent; there is no ranking between the individual gavel awards

Other Awards

- **SSUNS Outstanding Delegate Award** (2 points)
- **Honourable Mention Certificate** (1 point)

The number of Outstanding Delegate awards and Honorable Mentions granted in each committee is determined in proportion to the committee's total size

Delegation Awards





Large Delegation

Delegations whose size falls above the median size of SSUNS delegations are eligible for large delegation awards. Rankings are calculated based on total award points divided by the number of delegates. The awards available are:

- 1. Best Large Delegation**
- 2. Outstanding Large Delegation**

Small Delegation

Delegations whose size falls below the median size of SSUNS delegations are eligible for small delegation awards, provided they have a minimum of four (4) delegates. Rankings are calculated based on total award points divided by the number of delegates. The awards available are:

- 1. Best Small Delegation**
- 2. Outstanding Small Delegation**

Awards earned in double-delegate committees are weighted at twice their standard point value

Gavels awarded in Ad Hoc committees are also weighted at twice their standard point value (e.g., a 3-point gavel is counted as 6 points)





Delegate Evaluation

First and foremost, SSUNS recognizes the challenge of establishing a single rubric to “evaluate” delegates, as there is no single formula for defining a “best delegate.” The term “best” is inherently relative to others in the committee; a delegate who earns an award in one committee may face stronger competition in another and not be recognized.

With this in mind, we acknowledge the subjectivity present across all Dais, shaped by the training they receive. As such, we aim to communicate the same expectations provided in dais training to our delegates. Delegates will be evaluated on the following criteria. This is not to suggest that doing only the following guarantees a “Best Delegate” award, nor that there are no innovative ways of standing out.

GENERAL

Rules of Procedure

- The delegate consistently follows correct rules of procedure;
- The delegate effectively proposes motions that guide the committee toward productive debate.

Country/Character Position

- The delegate clearly outlines their country's/character's position, maintaining alignment with reality and existing diplomatic frameworks, while prioritizing equitable stances;
- The delegate consistently incorporates their country's/character's position when developing solutions.

Speaking Performance

- The delegate speaks frequently (or consistently attempts to do so), recognizing the importance of participation, especially in larger committees;
- The delegate presents information in a compelling and engaging manner while maintaining strong informational value;
- The delegate speaks with minimal reliance on notes and addresses the entire room.





Leadership and Collaboration

- The delegate is perceived as a bloc leader both within and outside their bloc by actively integrating others' ideas;
- The delegate leads unmoderated caucuses collaboratively and inclusively.

Creativity

- The delegate consistently proposes new and thoughtful approaches to solving committee issues, going beyond standard or obvious solutions;
- The delegate responds flexibly to evolving situations, whether in debate, crises, or directive cycles, generating inventive solutions under pressure;
- The delegate introduces unique ideas that stimulate discussion and debate, encouraging peers to think beyond traditional approaches.

Willingness to Learn & Improve (weighted more in beginner committees)

- The delegate actively seeks feedback from chairs, peers, and the dais, demonstrating openness to advice and new perspectives;
- The delegate shows measurable growth throughout the conference, whether in speaking confidence, procedural knowledge, or collaboration skills;
- The delegate responds constructively to corrections or suggestions, adjusting their approach in debates, resolutions, or crisis contributions;
- The delegate continues to engage and contribute, even when facing challenges or setbacks, showing resilience and a commitment to personal development.

COMMITTEES WITH RESOLUTION CYCLES

- The delegate contributes significantly to the content of resolutions, with well-structured and properly mechanized clauses;
- The delegate develops solutions through meaningful debate rather than relying on pre-prepared mechanisms;
- The delegate is willing to merge ideas with others and demonstrate compromise, particularly during mergers;
- The delegate helps build a bloc that fosters a collaborative, non-toxic environment, represents diverse viewpoints, and produces high-quality work;
- The delegate engages strategically in mergers to create more comprehensive draft resolutions;





- The delegate participates in authors' panels and Q&A sessions for working papers and draft resolutions.

Double-Delegate Dynamics

- Delegates within a partnership remain aligned on committee strategy;
- Both partners actively contribute to debate, whether through division of responsibilities or role-switching;
- The partnership accomplishes the workload expected of two delegates;
- There is clear mutual respect and collaboration between partners.

COMMITTEES WITH DIRECTIVE CYCLES

- The delegate actively participates in and sponsors documents throughout all directive cycles;
- The delegate plays a leading role in drafting directives;
- The delegate proposes innovative, nuanced, and relevant solutions to crisis developments;
- The delegate writes clauses that are comprehensive, actionable, and detailed.

Backroom Performance

- The delegate actively engages with the backroom through crisis notes in all note cycles;
- The delegate develops a compelling, well-substantiated, and relevant crisis arc;
- The delegate times their crisis arc effectively to influence committee debate and direction;
- The delegate's actions are justified within the scope of their character's goals and powers;
- The delegate responds effectively to backroom feedback, providing clarification and justification when needed;
- Crisis notes are well-organized, engaging, and provide sufficient detail and rationale for requested actions.

