NJASC TOP TEN PROJECTS 2026-2027

For over fifty years the Top Ten Projects program has recognized outstanding projects conducted by Student Councils throughout New Jersey. Each year the State Officers review and select projects to be recognized at our Winter Convention. There are four categories for High School projects: School Spirit, Educational, Fundraising and Service. There is a separate fifth category for Middle Level projects.

YOUR SCHOOL MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF NJASC AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION!

Please carefully review the directions below BEFORE completing and submitting the application form:

- Complete the attached application form and include a letter of support from school or district administration indicating the success of the project.
- E-mail a 200 to 250-word background summary of this project to Executive Director Lou Miller at **lmiller@njasc.net** by **NOVEMBER 25, 2026** for use on the NJASC website Top Ten Projects page if your submitted project is selected by the State Officers to receive a Top Ten award. ***This writeup MUST follow the format shown in the example provided below, or it will be rejected:***

East Brunswick High School – HOLIDAY MARKET



This FUNDRAISING project aims to provide the students of East Brunswick HS with an easy and effective way to raise funds, while also fostering school spirit and a sense of community. The rationale behind this project is to give both clubs and individual vendors the opportunity to fundraise before the holiday season, without the excess competition coming from overlapping events. By hosting a single, unified market, everyone has the opportunity to sell, shop, and connect, while raising funds for the Student Council.

Inspired by real craft fairs, this project began by gauging student interest and drafting a proposal approved by our administration. Vendor agreements were then drawn up, and students were able to reserve a table at the market. With 39 vendors, and earning $10 per table, the Student Council was able to make $390 in profit, while each club made almost the same themselves. This event truly expresses the diversity of our school community and allows students and teachers alike to purchase goods of different cultures. It was a great success and received widespread recognition.

300 out of 2,100 (14%) students, 24 out of 26 (92%) council members, and 40 out of 167 (24%) teachers helped demonstrate the diversity and unity of our school. In the words of Principal Dr. Edward Bucior, the Holiday Market truly creates "a platform for students to showcase their passions and their entrepreneurial spirit."

For more information, contact Advisors Bonnie Benkard at bbenkard@ebnet.org or Kyle LaForge at klaforge@ebnet.org.

  - First paragraph – indicate the category (from application form) and state your rationale for this project
  - Second paragraph – provide a summary about the project including planning and specific details.
  - Third paragraph – summarize participation statistics (from application form) and provide a quote from your administration regarding the impact of this project on the school and/or community.
  - Closing sentence – advisor contact information
- **SCAN & E-MAIL** (snail mail not accepted) the completed application form, answers to the questions asked on the application form, an administrative letter of support, and any other additional information (pictures, newspaper clippings, flyers, etc.) to NJASC Treasurer Joseph Robertozzi at **treasurer26@njasc.net** by **NOVEMBER 25, 2026**
- The State Officers will evaluate all submitted applications at their December Executive Meeting and announce the winners at the Winter Convention in January. ***Schools applying for this award will be EXPECTED to attend the Winter Convention in January for photos, which will be posted on the NJASC website.*** There will be a $20.00 charge to ship any award or plaque.

IN ORDER TO GIVE EACH SCHOOL ENTERING A CHANCE FOR AN AWARD:

- Only one project may be entered per school.
- A school may not resubmit the SAME project that won a Top Ten Award in the past FIVE years but may submit a DIFFERENT project for consideration. *If you are unsure whether a particular project from your school was recognized in the past five years, please visit **https://njasc.org/awards/topten.html** to review past winners.*
- Entries may include projects completed since November 2025.

NJASC TOP TEN PROJECTS AWARD
Application Form 2026-2027

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN, ZIP CODE _____

STUDENT PROJECT COORDINATOR _____

E-Mail Address _____

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR _____

E-Mail Address _____

PROJECT NAME/TITLE _____

CHECK CATEGORY ENTERED (only one):

- ☐ EDUCATIONAL
- ☐ FUNDRAISING
- ☐ SERVICE
- ☐ SCHOOL SPIRIT
- ☐ MIDDLE LEVEL

Enrollment of School _____ # of Students Involved in Project _____

# of Council Members _____ # of Council Members Involved in Project _____

# of Teachers _____ # of Teachers Involved in Project _____

To be considered for this award, you MUST e-mail a 200 to 250-word background summary of this project by November 25, 2026 to Executive Director Lou Miller at lmiller@njasc.net, with your school name and "Top Ten Project" in the subject line. Please see the prior page for required formatting and content to maintain website consistency – writeups that do not follow the prescribed format will be rejected.

Please also attach the following when e-mailing your application:

1. In a **single document**, answers to each of the following questions:
    a. In one paragraph, please state why you chose to submit this project and why you think it is worthy of a Top Ten Projects award.
    b. In one paragraph, please explain the project. Include planning, procedures, length of project and evaluations.
    c. Was the community involved? If so, how?
    d. Was the project successful? Explain. Also, state one aspect that you would change and why.
2. A **letter of support** from your school administration, indicating the success of the project and any benefits derived by the school and/or community.
3. You may also attach any **additional information** that could be helpful to the State Officers reviewing your application such as pictures, newspaper clippings, flyers, etc.