

Criteria & Incentives - Governance & Operations

Excellence in Governance & Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Has accurate, updated governance documents that are followed regularly and are aligned to the overall vision, mission, and strategic plan -Council website is up to date, and displays the NCSS Affiliated Council logo -Shares council logo (if one is available) to be displayed on the NCSS website -Manages its budget and makes a commitment to philanthropy in the social studies (ex. NCSS First Timer's Scholarship donation) -Actively meets, holds elections, and makes other decisions - and where the leadership participates and engages in these decisions -Regularly communicates with membership, at least quarterly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dedicated presentation slot at a Leadership Forum, Summer Leadership, or Annual Conference -Highlight in an email blast, social media, and/or TSSP -Certificate of recognition from NCSS BOD -Recognition at NCSS House of Delegates
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Criteria & Incentives - Programming and Professional Development

Excellence in Programming & Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Holds successful annual conference regardless the format: engaging content, relevant content, increased attendance, revenue exceeds budget -Demonstrates two additional professional activities, such as workshops, webinars, and, generally, programs that promote the social studies within their region -Actively participates in at least two NCSS programs. (attending leadership forums, SLI, annual conference HOD, webinar programs, etc) -Honors educators in multiple ways including teachers at multiple levels (e.g., "horizon award" for early career educators) -Holds programming representative of needs of the membership and state/affiliate -Provides networking opportunities for social studies professionals in their service area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dedicated presentation slot at a Leadership Forum, Summer Leadership, or Annual Conference -Highlight in an email blast, social media, and/or TSSP -Certificate of recognition from NCSS BOD -Recognition at NCSS House of Delegates
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Criteria & Incentives - Advocacy & Leadership

<p>Excellence in Social Studies Advocacy & Leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Actively participated in social studies legislative advocacy efforts at the service area -Works with a minimum of one social studies related organization within their service area and/or an organization(s) with a similar mission. -Serves on NCSS Operations Committees, or other leadership opportunities within the NCSS structure -Serves as a mentor council to other affiliated councils -Philanthropic of social studies specific causes (ex. NCSS First Timer's Scholarship donation) -Council leadership regularly leads NCSS programming (ex. presents at NCSS annual conference or SLI, leads a webinar, etc) -Promotes other events from NCSS and other affiliates to their membership and other stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dedicated presentation slot at a Leadership Forum, Summer Leadership, or Annual Conference -Highlight in an email blast, social media, and/or TSSP -Certificate of recognition from NCSS BOD -Recognition at NCSS House of Delegates
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Criteria & Incentives - Membership Diversity, Inclusion, & Recruitment

<p>Excellence in Membership Diversity, Inclusion, & Recruitment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Has 100% NCSS membership of council officers. -Has shown an increase in membership, including the number of joint members. -Submits an annual membership plan, which includes a specific plan for increasing membership in their service area and membership by underrepresented groups in their council. -Recruits teacher candidates and increases incentives for in-service educators to participate, engage, and mentor colleagues -Demonstrates a commitment to recruiting diverse membership and council leadership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dedicated presentation slot at a Leadership Forum, Summer Leadership, or Annual Conference -Highlight in an email blast, social media, and/or TSSP -Certificate of recognition from NCSS BOD -Recognition at NCSS House of Delegates
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Criteria & Incentives: Silver Star & Gold Star Councils

Silver Star Council	Council meets 3 of 4 excellence categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dedicated presentation slot at a Leadership Forum, Summer Leadership, or Annual Conference -Preferential seating at next HOD -Discounted Annual Conference registration for 1 BOD member -1 free admission to a ticketed Annual Conference event. -Certificate of recognition from NCSS BOD -Recognition at NCSS House of Delegates & President's Breakfast
Gold Star Council	Council meets ALL excellence categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dedicated presentation slot at a Leadership Forum, Summer Leadership, or Annual Conference -Preferential seating at next HOD -Discounted Annual Conference registration for 2 BOD members -2 free admissions to a ticketed Annual Conference event. -Certificate of recognition from NCSS BOD -Recognition at NCSS House of Delegates & President's Breakfast