

# Student Organization of the Year Award

The Student Organization of the Year Award is an award sponsored by the Gocs Organization Council and given to one APSU registered student organization annually. The award will be presented at the annual Student Organization and Leader Awards to the organization that earns the most points throughout the academic year. The competition is divided into three segments: organization management, community service and school spirit. The organization that earns the highest point total between the three segments is the overall champion. Point standings will be posted monthly on the Gocs Organization Council page of the Student Life and Leadership website. At any point, the GOC vice president can be contacted regarding point standing. **Competition will begin on Monday, September 22, 2008 and will conclude on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 4:30 pm.**

Guidelines for the competition:

1. Only organizations registered by the September 17 deadline are eligible to compete.
2. Organizations must have current information updated in Club Manager throughout the year.
3. Point verification forms will be available online through Club Manager for any events the organization would like to receive recognition for. This form must be submitted no later than Thursday, April 9 at 4:30 pm to the GOC vice president. Late forms will not be accepted.
4. Forms must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
5. Raising funds for charity can be used to earn points only if all profit is donated to a charitable organization or special cause. A receipt for contributions must be submitted with the form.
6. If an organization falsifies any information on a point form, the group will be disqualified from the competition.
7. A group can only be awarded points for sponsorship of the same project once per semester (i.e. one voter drive in the fall semester and one voter drive in the spring semester).
8. The GOC vice president and the assistant director (or director) of Student Life and Leadership reserve the right to make decisions regarding awarding of points, questionable events, etc.
9. Events sponsored by a University department must be signed off by a faculty or staff member in that department. Example: A signature of an intramural coach will not be accepted. However, a signature from a referee or umpire will be accepted.
10. Obscene and vulgar behavior at any event will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification from the competition. Organizations and organization members may also be referred to the dean of students for possible judicial action.

The Student Organization of the Year Award Divisions

The SOY award will be awarded in two divisions:

1. Small Organization: 1 – 20 members
2. Large Organization: 21 or more members

The Division in which an organization competes will be determined by the number of members listed in Club Manager through the office of Student Life and Leadership by **September 22, 2008**. An organization cannot change divisions once the competition has started.

## Segments

### *Points for Organization Management*

Attend one annual student organization training	40 points
Attend GOC financial training	20 points
Attend at least 2 GOC Presidents meetings each semester (extra points for 3 meetings)	10 points each; 40 points total for all three meetings
Submitted previous year's annual activity report on time	40 points
Have updated officer and adviser information in Club Manager at all times	40 points
Have annual registration in Club Manager by September 17, 2008.	40 points

### *Points for Community Service*

Per project/event of community service performed	10 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A point form must be completed by organization along with a list of names of volunteers and a log of hours worked. Due by April 9, 2009.</li> <li>- Student Life and Leadership reserves the right to investigate any charity that money is donated to and may deem the charity illegitimate.</li> </ul>	

### *Points for School Spirit*

Sponsoring a campus-wide activity using GOC funds	50 points
Sponsoring a campus-wide activity without GOC funds	30 points
Assisting with a campus-wide activity (other organizations, campus offices, etc.). Must be verified by the partnering organization/office.	20 points
Attending school activities (movies, athletic events, plays, dances, etc.)	10 points

To receive points an organization:

- Must be present no later than 10 minutes of the scheduled start time and remain for the entire event.
- For sponsoring a campus-wide activity, an organization must advertise the event and make it open to all APSU students (i.e. speakers, tournaments, blood drives, etc.). One copy of publicity (i.e. flyer) must be submitted with the point form to be considered for points.
- Groups may only receive points for one of the three School Spirit categories:
  - o Attendance
  - o Assistance
  - o Sponsorship
- Points cannot be received for both attending and assisting with an event.
- School spirit points will be awarded only for events sponsored by official APSU departments and organizations.