Awards Policy

VMUNC VIII is an educational conference. Awards are meant to recognize delegates who contribute meaningfully to committee and debate. We believe that awards supplement the learning experience in model UN, and do not define it. Individual committee awards may include Best Delegate, Outstanding Delegate, and Verbal Commendation. The number of awards given in each committee varies depending on committee size and the discretion of the Secretariat. Delegate awards will be determined by committee staff using a school-blind evaluation process. Chairs will evaluate delegates holistically based on the quality of their performance throughout the committee, not simply the number of times they speak.

Delegates may be considered based on research, policy accuracy, speeches, proposed solutions, collaboration, diplomacy, contributions to written documents, and responsiveness to committee developments. In crisis committees, both frontroom and backroom performance may be considered, including debate, crisis notes, directives, character consistency, creativity, and adaptability to crisis updates. Research Awards may be granted to delegates who submit strong position papers on time and follow all position paper requirements. Chairs will evaluate position papers based on research depth, organization, policy accuracy, analysis, and proposed solutions. All awards are issued at the discretion of committee staff and the Secretariat. Awards may be reconsidered if there is sufficient reason to believe that a delegate violated any conference policy.