



Student Chapter of the Year Information & Judging Criteria

Applications are due by **April 20th** every year. The winning chapter is announced at the awards banquet at the Annual Meeting in June.

DESCRIPTION OF JUDGING CRITERIA

Meetings/Bible Studies – This includes official chapter meetings and/or Bible studies that each chapter held. Officer meetings are not included.

Membership – 0.25 points will be received for each student who is a member of their local chapter (based on whatever criteria by which the chapter determines membership). If the student is also a member of CPFI national then the chapter will receive an additional 0.25 points per student. Example: the chapter has 20 members total. 12 of those members are members of CPFI national. The chapter will receive 8 points for that category. $[20 \times 0.25] + [12 \times 0.25] = 8$

National meeting attendance – The chapter will receive 1 point for each student and/or advisor that attended the CPFI student retreat for the past year, and 2 points for each student/advisor from their school that has registered for and plans on attending the upcoming CPFI annual meeting at the end of the year. Chapters will not receive any points for members who attended the annual meeting the previous year.

NSC-Sponsored Event Participation - Each year, the CPFI National Student Council encourages students to participate in certain ministry and health-related events. Chapters will be awarded points for their participation in these events for their support of NSC-related initiatives.

Ministry– Two points will be received for each ministry event organized by the CPFI chapter or co-organized with another faith-based organization. An “outreach” is defined as any event where time and/or resources are donated to serve those outside of the school setting, with the intention of demonstrating the love of Christ and furthering the gospel. An “in-reach” is defined as any activity where time and/or resources are donated to serve, encourage, or reach out to students within the student chapter’s school, as a means of demonstrating Christ’s love and furthering the gospel. In-reaches could include finals care packages, a welcome party for the incoming first years, goodbye party for the graduating fourth years, etc. It must be designed to serve the student body, regardless of if the students are members of CPFI.

Events not included in this category: Outreaches that are also NSC-sponsored events (see the “NSC-Sponsored Event Participation” category), health fairs and brown-bag events (see the “Health-related event” category), and community service events or school socials in which the chapter was involved but that were not designed as a ministry (see “One-Time Events” under the “Miscellaneous” category).



If the chapter has partnered with a local organization (i.e. homeless shelter, women's shelter, crisis pregnancy center) to provide ongoing support and ministry, a chapter will receive 6 points for their partnership, and will not receive additional points for each individual event involving this organization that is within the normal course of the partnership. Chapters will also be awarded points if they organized a mission trip as a chapter. A "mission trip" is defined as a trip with a specific purpose, intended to benefit specific people or groups outside the local community or culture through service and the sharing of the gospel.

Fundraisers – Chapters will receive points for each fundraiser in which they participate. If a fundraiser is tied in with another event, like an outreach or health fair, then the chapter will receive points for this fundraiser in addition to the points they received for the event. Fundraisers that raise money to be donated to charity will receive 2 points and fundraisers to raise funds for the chapter's operations will receive 1 point each. Fundraisers that are ongoing will only be awarded points once, but may be counted as an "ongoing project" under the "Miscellaneous" judging category rather than a fundraiser.

Health-related Events – Student chapters will receive points if they organize or participate in a community health fair, brown bag event or health campaign. Health campaigns include any events that help raise awareness regarding a specific health-related issue, include diabetes, HIV emergency contraception, medical abortifacients hypertension, etc. Points are based on whether the chapter conducted/organized the event themselves or if they participated in an event organized by another organization (i.e. setting up a booth, volunteering at a local health clinic). If a chapter co-organizes an event with another organization, they are still eligible to receive the points for conducting that event. If chapter members choose to volunteer for a health-related event on their own, outside of a specific "event" planned by the chapter, the chapter will not receive points

National or Regional CPFI Events – Chapters will be awarded points if they were involved in organizing a national or regional CPFI event. If an event included other chapters within the region, the chapter responsible for organizing the event will receive 6 additional points. For example if a chapter organizes an outreach and collaborate with other CPFI student chapters, then they will receive 2 points for the outreach, and an additional 6 points for making it a regional CPFI student chapter event.

Miscellaneous – Miscellaneous events are awarded points based on whether the event was one-time or recurrent/continuous. One-time events can include "socials" such as game nights or holiday parties that are not intended as outreaches or in-reaches, or anything that does not fall into any of the other judging categories. Recurrent events involve programs that are put into place and are ongoing throughout the year. This can include systems for taking prayer requests (i.e. a prayer box), weekly prayer times, mentoring or tutoring programs for the first or second year students, prayer partner programs, continuous publications of ministry and missions opportunities, etc.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CHAPTER SELECTION

All CPFI student chapters are eligible for the chapter of the year award. Each participating chapter will submit an entry form containing information on their chapter's activities for the current school year and will be judged based on their entry. Points will be added up for each event within each category and totaled. If there are multiple events that take place within the same category, the chapter will be awarded points for each event, unless otherwise specified. The chapter with the most points will receive the chapter of the year award.

There will be at least two judges who will independently score each entry. Their results will be compared to ensure consistency in judging. If a consensus cannot be reached between the judges to determine the chapter of the year, then an additional judge or judges will be utilized who will also score each of the entries.

These judging criteria are meant to provide an objective means of determining the CPFI chapter of the year.