

JCI Ohio POC Guidelines – 2026

- All submissions are due as follows:
 - 1st Half of the Year – **July 31st, 2026** - For the months of January, February, March, April, May & June
 - 2nd Half of the Year – **December 31st, 2026** - For the months of July, August, September, October, November, and December
 - Year-End - **January 7th, 2027** - For Jaycee, New Jaycee, Junior Jaycee, Family, & Senator of the Year
- State President-No awards will be awarded during their term as state president.
- All State Officers will be eligible for awards.
- Chapter president is only eligible for Chapter President award and also Family of the Year.
- A chapter can nominate a member of another chapter or chapter project that they would like to see recognized.
- All judges will provide feedback on awards, to help with making more substantial submissions.
- Submissions must be submitted via Jot Form with all questions answered to the best of the nominator's ability. N/A will apply based on the individual submission.
 - When submitting your awards, please watch grammar, spelling, etc. Ask someone else to review the submission.
 - Submissions should also be written as if the judges have never met the individual or heard of the project. They have no clue. For example, think of someone from another state or nationals reading these for a national award.
 - Refrain from being general.
 - Don't: "This member attended all meetings" or "This member was very impactful".
 - Do: This member attended 7 Chapter Meetings, completed 4 Chapter visits, and participated in all 15 Chapter projects over the year.
 - Refrain from waiting until the last minute to complete the nominations – you can submit early!
 - Nominations are qualitative AND quantitative.
 - How many events?
 - How many meetings?
 - How many people were impacted?
 - Pull the numbers and data from your PMG.
 - Feedback from the judges will be submitted to the Chapter Presidents to help with improving the writing of submissions.

- Can submit more than one person for Jaycee, New Jaycee, Junior Jaycee, & Other Local Officer.
- For projects, you can submit every project your chapter or another chapter has done throughout the year.
- Best Practices for Creating Nominations
 - **Outstanding Local Members and Officers:**
 - Interview Chapter members to get quotes as to why the nominee is so great and deserves to be nominated (don't fill out a nomination for yourself).
 - TELL A STORY about that individual.
 - Remember, the judges will know NOTHING about the nominee. So 'paint a story' with your words showcasing why this individual is deserving of such an honor.
 - Please upload 3-6 photos of the nominee. Also include a headshot of the nominee.
 - **Outstanding Local Single Project Entry (SPEs):**
 - TELL A STORY! Remember, the judges will know NOTHING about your project/chapter/program/organization. 'Paint a story' with your words so they get a FULL picture as to why it is outstanding.
 - Even if it is a long-running project for your chapter and everyone in your chapter knows it by name, be sure to consider that the judge may not be familiar with your project or even any project of its type. Be sure to give a solid explanation of the project's concept and its history.
 - Provide a FULL financial picture as to what happened with the project.
 - Be specific with what the promotional strategy included – what was the order in which tasks were accomplished and what resources/partnerships were created to execute such tasks.
 - Include what sort of impact was made on the Chapter, State, and Community – including quantitative support.
 - Please include 14-21 photos with each project. Pictures throughout the process including planning, setup, during the event, and tear down.

Award Descriptions:

Individuals:

Junior Jaycee:

The Junior Jaycee is an award presented each half of the year to the youth members who best exemplify the JCI Mission and Vision during that half of the year. The youth member may belong to a formally chartered JCI USA Youth Chapter or be a child of an active JCI Member not affiliated with a JCI Youth Chapter who has achieved outstanding performance in support of their parents' JCI Chapter.

Questions to think about: Who is your Junior Jaycee who worked on a Junior Jaycee project and what sets them apart from all others?

New Jaycee:

The Most Outstanding New Jaycee Award is presented each half of the year to the new local members who best exemplifies the JCI Mission and Vision during their first half of the year as a member.

Questions to think about: Of your new Jaycees that have joined during the 6-month period, who went above and beyond? Who really showed enthusiasm for the organization? Give new ideas or takes on old ones?

Jaycee:

The Most Outstanding Jaycee Award is presented each half of the year to the local members who best exemplifies the JCI Mission and Vision during the awards half of the year.

Questions to think about: Who is the one member who stood out in that half of the year? Your go-to person? Your go-getter? Your MVP? Who stands out above all others for this half of the year? Why? What did they do?

Most Outstanding Local Officers:

Local Chapter Officers:

The Most Outstanding Local Chapter Officers Award is presented each half of the year to the most outstanding Local Chapter Officers in the state. This includes but is not limited to the Secretary, Treasurer, PR Director, or any other Local Chapter Board position other than the Chapter President or Vice Presidents.

Secretary: How well records were maintained? What did he/she do outside of their role?

Treasurer: How well records are maintained, finances updated, etc.? What did he/she do outside of their role?

PR Director: What projects did the PR Director promote for the chapter? How? What forms of media were used? Was anything published? How many views

Other Officer: What did they do in your chapter? How did they fulfill their role?

Local Vice Presidents:

The Most Outstanding Local Vice Presidents Award is presented each half of the year in the following four categories: Community Development, Individual Development, Membership Development, & Management Development

Questions to think about: What did the V.P. do to promote this area?

Local Presidents:

The Most Outstanding Local Presidents Award is presented each half of the year to the most outstanding Local Presidents in the State.

Questions to think about: As President how did he/she stand out and went above and beyond in serving as President?

Most Outstanding Youth Project:**Youth Project**

Projects run by JCI USA chartered Youth Chapters or children of active JCI Members not affiliated with a JCI Youth Chapter.

Judging Criteria: Objectives, Planning, Finance and Execution, Impact on Individual, Members, Community Impact, and Alignment with the JCI USA Vision, Mission, and Values. Also 'how effective was the youth/mentor relationship' and the 'overall impact of the project/program.'

Appendix A – JCI Mission, Vision, & Creed**Our Mission:**

To provide leadership development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change.

Our Vision:

To be the foremost global network of young leaders.

Our Creed:

We believe.....

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life

