

Awards International Program Toolkit




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Introduction

The JCI Awards program serves as a prestigious platform to honor and showcase the impactful achievements of JCI members and organizations worldwide. This toolkit provides an in-depth guide to navigating the nuances of the award categories, entry requirements, and submission protocols, ensuring that participants are well-equipped to present their projects effectively and maximally aligned with JCI's goals and values.



Rules and Guidelines for Participation

Single Category Submission

Each project can only be submitted under one category to ensure distinctiveness and prevent dilution of the project's focus.

Automatic Qualification

Entries that win 'Best of the Best' at JCI Area Conferences will automatically qualify for the JCI World Congress Award Program. However, these entries must be re-submitted by their National Organization for consideration.

Multimedia Inclusion

Submissions must include photos and a video (at least 30 seconds long) showcasing the project in action. Absence of these will lead to disqualification.

Judge Accountability

If a volunteer judge fails to complete their assignments on time, their National Organization will be disqualified from winning any awards during the Area Conference or the World Congress.

Judge Selection and Responsibilities

National Organizations are responsible for selecting and approving judges, ensuring they are sufficiently experienced in JCI's global messaging to fairly evaluate entries from other countries. Organizations must ensure judges complete their evaluations on time.

Language Requirements for World Congress

Entries for the World Congress must be submitted in English. Entries from Area Conferences in other languages must be translated into English to qualify.

Comprehensive Responses

Each submission must thoroughly answer all application questions. Incomplete forms will incur score penalties.

Alignment with JCI's Mission

Entries will be assessed based on how well they embody JCI's mission and core values, with special attention to their impact and sustainability.

Rules and Guidelines for Participation



Award Categories

Multi-Entry Awards

Submission Limit

National Organizations are allowed to submit multiple award entries per category, up to a maximum of ten entries per category.

These categories encourage National Organizations to showcase a diverse portfolio of their initiatives:

Best JCI RISE Project

Recognizes exceptional projects that contribute to economic recovery, workforce motivation, and mental health preservation. This award evaluates the project's direct impact on economic revitalization, its innovative approaches to boosting employee morale and productivity, and its strategies to support mental wellness in the community.

Best Local Business and Entrepreneurship Program

Awards programs aimed at nurturing business skills and entrepreneurship among members. Criteria focus on the program's effectiveness in fostering sustainable business models, encouraging innovation, and developing members into future business leaders.

Award Categories

Multi-Entry Awards

Best Local Individual Development Program

Highlights initiatives that prioritize personal and professional development. This includes leadership training, skills development workshops, and other programs that equip members with the tools to succeed in various life and career stages.

Best Local Growth and Development Program

Honors programs specifically aimed at increasing JCI membership and enhancing organizational outreach. Successful entries demonstrate strategic recruitment initiatives, effective member engagement practices, and impactful community involvement that promotes JCI's visibility.

Best International Cooperation Project

Celebrates projects that exemplify cross-border collaboration. This award looks at how projects harness international partnerships to address global challenges, share resources and knowledge, and foster mutual understanding and cooperation.

Award Categories

Multi-Entry Awards

Best Inter-Organization Collaboration Project

Recognizes collaborative efforts between JCI and non-JCI organizations that expand JCI's impact. Entries should highlight the nature of the partnership, shared goals, and tangible outcomes that benefited all involved parties.

Best Local Community Impact Program

Awards initiatives with significant positive impacts on local communities. Projects should align with local needs and JCI's global objectives, demonstrating measurable benefits in terms of community development and enhancement.

Best Local Global Goals Project

Honors projects that advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Winning projects will show clear linkage to specific goals, innovative approaches to tackling global issues on a local scale, and sustainable impacts.

New Category

Multi-Entry Awards

Best International Human Duties Project

Recognizes initiatives by JCI Local Organizations that advance the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Duties for Leaders. This award focuses on projects that foster global responsibility and collaboration, particularly in celebration of International Human Duties Day.



JCI July 10th
**International
Human Duties Day**

Award Categories

Best of the Best Awards

Submission Limit

National Organizations are permitted to submit only one entry per category in the JCI Area Conference Award Program.

Eligibility for World Congress

The winners from each of the four (4) Area Conferences per category will be the exclusive entries eligible for the World Congress Award Program.

These categories are highly competitive, allowing only the most exemplary projects to compete:

Best National Flagship Program

This category is for large-scale projects that involve multiple local chapters and create widespread impact. Criteria include project scope, involvement across chapters, innovation, and alignment with national and international JCI objectives.

Best National Growth and Development Program

This category honors initiatives that drive the expansion and enhancement of the JCI movement nationally. The evaluation focuses on the strategic planning, engagement of leadership and members, innovative implementation methods, and the program's ability to boost brand awareness, membership growth, and financial health.

Award Categories

Best of the Best Awards

Most Outstanding New Local Organization

Recognizes newly chartered local organizations that have demonstrated remarkable initiative and impact. Judging criteria include organizational growth, project implementation, and community engagement within their first few years.

Most Outstanding Local Organization

Awards existing local organizations that show exemplary performance in implementing JCI's mission. Success is measured by membership engagement, community impact, and sustained growth.

Most Outstanding Member

Honors individual JCI members who have made significant contributions to their local chapter and community. Criteria include leadership, initiative, personal development, and the member's role in furthering JCI's mission.

Most Outstanding New Member

Awards new JCI members who have quickly become involved and made significant contributions to their local chapter. Criteria focus on the member's engagement, initiative, and impact.

Award Categories

Best of the Best Awards

Most Outstanding Local President

Recognizes local presidents who have shown exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to advancing their organization. Evaluation focuses on their leadership impact, program development, and member engagement strategies.

Most Outstanding National President

Exclusively at the World Congress, this award celebrates a National President's leadership over their term, assessing their strategic initiatives, impact on national growth, and their ability to steer the organization towards JCI's global goals.

Language Policy

Area Conferences

Submissions may be made in English, Spanish, or French.

World Congress

All submissions must be presented in English.

Application and Judging Process:

Opening of Applications

All Four Area Conferences will open their applications on:

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

World Congress

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Deadlines

- Conference of America: Thursday, April 3, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Africa and the Middle East Conference: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- European Conference: Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Asia and the Pacific Conference: Thursday, May 8, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- World Congress: Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 23:59 GMT

Review and Selection Process

Initial Review

Conducted by JCI Headquarters to ensure compliance with submission guidelines.

Judging Panel

Composition

Comprised of experienced JCI members who bring expertise and a global perspective to the evaluation process.

Application and Judging Process:

Judging Panel

Judge Selection

Judges apply voluntarily and must be approved by their national president to be eligible for participation.

Judging Commitment

If a judge fails to complete their assigned scoring by the following deadlines, all awards submissions from their national organization automatically get disqualified:

- Conference of America: Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Africa and the Middle East Conference: Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- European Conference: Thursday, May 22, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Asia and the Pacific Conference: Thursday, May 29, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- World Congress: Friday, October 24, 2025, 23:59 GMT

Finality

All deadlines are final and non-negotiable. No exceptions will be made for issues such as time zone confusion, lost login credentials, or the unavailability of a National President for sign-off. Please plan accordingly and avoid last-minute submissions.

Deadline Time

The cutoff time for all deadlines is 23:59 GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

Award Time Frame

Eligibility Requirements

National Organizations must be financially in good standing to participate in the awards programs. All entries must be approved by the National President by the award submission deadline to be considered eligible.



Multi-Entry Award Categories

JCI Area Conference Awards Period

Eligibility spans from 45 days before the corresponding Area Conference of the previous year to 45 days before the Area Conference in the current year.

JCI World Congress Awards Period

Eligibility extends from 45 days before the World Congress of the previous year to 45 days before the World Congress in the current year.



Best of the Best Award Categories

Submission Period

Entries can be submitted from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year. Winners from the Area Conferences will be the exclusive entries for the corresponding categories at the World Congress.

Most Outstanding National President Award

The submission period runs from January 1 to December 31 of the current year.

Award Submission Eligibility

Submission Requirements

All entries must be complete with answers, photos, a short description, and a 30-second video describing the project or entry. Both photos and video are mandatory for eligibility.

Judge Provision

National Organizations submitting more than one entry must provide at least one judge who is an active JCI member registered on the JVC.

Judge Registration Deadline

The deadline to register and approve judges aligns with the corresponding Award program's submission deadline.

Award Submission Eligibility

Scoring Threshold

If no entry in a category scores above 65%, there will be no winner declared.

Judging Decisions

Decisions made by the judging panel are final and binding; there will be no appeals.

Tie-Breaking

In the event of a tie, the final decision will be made by the Chairperson of the event—JCI Executive Vice President for Area Conferences and JCI President for the World Congress.

Most Outstanding National President Award

This award is judged by a panel of JCI National Presidents, each representing one of the Areas, appointed by the JCI President.



A group of people, including men and women, are celebrating and holding up flags (one is clearly the Indian national flag) at what appears to be a conference or award ceremony. The scene is lively with people smiling and raising their hands.

Special Consideration Award Categories

Most Outstanding Local Project Award

Award Criteria

The top-scoring winner across all Multi-entry Award Categories will receive the Most Outstanding Local Project Award. This accolade will be presented at both JCI Area Conferences and the JCI World Congress.

First Timers Award

Eligibility and Prize

All participants of the First Timers Program at a JCI Area Conference or JCI World Congress are eligible to enter the First Timers Award raffle to receive complimentary registration for the next year's corresponding Area Conference or World Congress.



Special Consideration Award Categories

Joaquín V. González Memorial

Purpose

This memorial is posthumously awarded to recognize the outstanding service of an active JCI member who passed away during the year.

Presentation

The award will be presented at JCI World Congresses to the Local President of the deceased, or to the National President if the Local President is not in attendance.

Conclusion

This comprehensive toolkit aims to facilitate a better understanding of the JCI Awards process, empowering members to effectively showcase their projects and achievements. For any queries, participants are encouraged to contact programs@jci.cc.