

MOOSE ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESS

GUIDELINES

Please thoroughly read all paperwork as we have made changes in dates and titles.
If you have any questions please contact our office.

All Association Youth Awareness Congresses must be established under the following guidelines:

1. Location of Association Youth Awareness Congresses:
 - a. Local high school
 - b. State Capitol (Senate Chamber, etc.)
 - c. Local youth community center
 - d. Other suitable facilities (hotel, etc.)

Note: Association Youth Awareness Congresses can be held in a Moose Lodge **IF:**

- a. It is designated a Family Center with a separate room for the meeting
 - b. Students do not have access to the Social Quarters area
 - c. Bathroom facilities are separate from the Social Quarters
2. The morning session (9:00 AM – Noon) should consist of professional speakers. These speakers could be from law enforcement (D.A.R.E. program officer, K-9 officer with demonstration); State Attorney General's office; individuals from MADD, SADD, Red Ribbon or other prevalent youth prevention or youth awareness programs in your jurisdiction; or speakers who can relay real-life experiences that will impact the students. You should open the Congress with proper introductions and then line up 3-5 speakers to cover the morning session.
 3. Following lunch, there should be **NO** adults in the room except you as the Youth Awareness Chairman. The afternoon session (1:00 PM – 4:00 PM) should be moderated by a previous International Youth Awareness Congress attendee, if possible. You should take up to thirty minutes to explain the KidsTalks program. This is when you challenge students to perform a minimum of three (3) **KidsTalks** presentations. You should explain the reporting form and how important it is to complete in detail, as this is the essential piece of the selection process to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress. Then, the students should be broken into workshop groups where they select a spokesperson. They should spend the next hour sharing ideas on how to approach the 4-9-year-old age group in their KidsTalks presentations. Following a break, the spokesperson for each group should present the group's ideas and thoughts for Moose **KidsTalks** presentations. It should also be explained that the Women of the Moose have taken the responsibility of helping them arrange their presentations with the 4-9-year-old groups, if they find they cannot do it on their own.
 4. You should present every student attending the Association Youth Awareness Congress with a certificate and again challenge them to do their **KidsTalks** presentations.
 5. The International Youth Awareness Congress parental consent form will be handled through the ***Heart of the Community Department at Moose International.***

MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM

CHAIRMAN'S BULLETIN

When to schedule your Association Youth Awareness Congresses:

Associations are to schedule their Youth Awareness Congress(es) during * **August, September, & October**. Since students **will not** be judged at the Association Youth Awareness Congress, the Youth Awareness Chairmen **should** hold several Student Congresses in various geographic locations within his jurisdiction. The fraternity's goal is to reach 100,000 4-9-year-olds.

Qualifications for attendance to the International Youth Awareness Congress:

After the Association Congresses are completed by **END OF OCTOBER**; the Association Congress Reports from the Chairman will be due back to Moose International by **NOVEMBER 15!**

Attendee selection is based upon the completion of a **minimum of 3 KidsTalks presentations**. These presentations should be scheduled following your Association Youth Awareness Congress and be completed by **DECEMBER 15**. By doing this, each student that attends the Association Youth Awareness Congress will be provided the same opportunity to be selected to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress.

Prior to selecting your International Youth Awareness Congress attendee(s):

After you have received the **KidsTalks** reports from the students, you will **personally** select the top ten students based upon their **KidsTalks** reports.

Selection of International Youth Awareness Congress attendees:

Contact a youth group (high school honor students, church youth group, Scouting or Venturing unit), and have those students review the reports of the top 10 individuals and select the Association's International Youth Awareness Congress attendee(s). **We want the International Youth Awareness Congress attendee(s) to be selected by a group of their peers.**

THIS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY * DECEMBER 15. The Heart of the Community Department at Moose International must be notified of the Association winners by this date so that we can contact the winners for the necessary parental consent forms, a picture and a copy of their major medical card. This will also give you time to secure transportation for the student(s).

Allotment process will be completed by **JANUARY 15**, we will then send out a letter to each chairman so they know how many students they are allotted to select their winners.

The 2022 International Youth Awareness Congress will be hosted by the Orlando, FL Lodge 766 April 28 – May 2, 2022. There will be five scholarships, provide funding through the Moose Legion, awarded at the International Youth Awareness Congress - \$12,000.00, \$8,000.00, \$5,000.00, \$3,000.00 and \$2,000.00.

TYPICAL AGENDA FOR ALL
ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESSES

8:00 AM **REGISTRATION**

Pastries, juice, milk, etc.

9:00 AM **OPENING SESSION**

- A. Introduction of special guests and short welcome from the State/Provincial Moose Association (Association President, etc.)
- B. Overview of the Moose Youth Awareness Program and the agenda for the day

9:30 AM Speaker #1

10:00 AM Speaker #2

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Speaker #3

11:15 AM Speaker #4

11:45 AM Speaker #5 (if applicable)

NOON Lunch

1:00 PM **SESSION II**

- a. Explanation in detail of the Moose ***KidsTalks*** program
- b. Challenge the students to present a minimum of three KidsTalks
- c. Explain the five scholarships available
- d. Explain the International Youth Awareness Congress with location and dates

1:30 PM Workshop/Brainstorming on ***KidsTalks*** Presentations

2:30 PM Group Presentations

- a. Time for each presentation is dependent on the number of groups

3:45 PM Issue Association Congress certificates of attendance and emphasize the challenge

MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS CHAIRMEN'S INCENTIVE PROGRAM

This incentive program is based on the number of Lodges that are in your jurisdiction. This could be half of a State (i.e. California and Florida) or a combined territory (i.e. Wyoming/Western Nebraska and Iowa/Eastern Nebraska). The percentage of Lodges and students performing 3 or more **KidsTalks** is the same for all Associations and jurisdictions

Requirements:

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE DATE CHANGES!!

- Must have 50% Lodge participation in your Association/jurisdiction
- Must have a minimum of 25% of students who attend the Association Congress(es) present and report three (3) or more **KidsTalks** presentations
- **Chairmen's report** must be properly completed and returned to Camille Ruffino at Moose International Heart of the Community Department by * **November 15**.
- **KidsTalk Reports** due by * **December 15** (MI is off for the Holiday)
- **Allotments** will be distributed by * **January 15**.
- The names and contact information for **Association Student Winners** to the International Congress must be submitted by * **February 15**.
- **All Student Information** along with the **Travel Info from Secretary** will be due by * **March 15**.

All 3 requirements must be met to earn the incentive.

EXAMPLE: TOTAL NUMBER OF LODGES AND CHAPTERS= 100
Total Students attending Association YA Congress (es)= 60

1. A combination of 50 Lodges/Chapters must participate (50%)
2. A minimum of 15, which equals 25% of students reported as attending the Association Congress must each do a minimum of three Moose **KidsTalks**

Award --- Both Association Chairpersons will receive the current year's International Student Congress Jacket.