

MOOSE ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESS

GUIDELINES

Please thoroughly read all paperwork

If you have any questions please contact our office.

All Association Youth Awareness Congresses must be established under the following guidelines: All youth student's parent should fill out the Assoc. Congress Consent Form.

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 Kindergarten – 6th grade groups 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 Kindergarten – 6th grade 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.

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 * July, 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/her jurisdiction. The fraternity's goal is to reach 150,000 Kindergarten – 6th grade students.

Qualifications for attendance to the International Youth Awareness Congress:

Students must be High School age!

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 turned into the Chairman by DECEMBER 30! 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.

Selection of International Youth Awareness Congress attendees:

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

JUDGING should be completed by JANUARY 30; The CHAIRMAN will 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.**

Allotments for Intl. Youth Awareness Congress will be out by January 16th.

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 2026 International Youth Awareness Congress will be hosted by the
Arizona/New Mexico Moose Association April 16-20, 2026.**

There will be five scholarships, provide funding through the Moose Legion, awarded at the International Youth Awareness Congress - \$12,000.00, \$8,000.00, \$6,000.00, \$5,000.00 and \$4,000.00.

TYPICAL AGENDA FOR ALL

ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESSES

8:00 AM **REGISTRATION**

Have parents/guardians fill out **Association Consent Form**
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