

Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Student Government Relations and Advocacy Award

This Award is presented annually to the Pennsylvania School of Pharmacy that has made outstanding efforts in support of legislative and advocacy initiatives that promote the pharmacy profession and further the government relations priorities of PPA. The purpose of this award is to encourage schools to become involved in their state professional organization while becoming more aware of its related advocacy efforts and the potential impact on their careers and future.

In order to be considered for this award, the school's chapter or group must complete and return the application no later than June 1 of each year.

Award criteria and Points Awarded

1. Participation at PPA's Legislative Day – *Maximum of 45 points*

- A. School will receive one point (1) for each student that attends PPA's Legislative Day for up to a maximum of twenty (20) points. This number will be based on the students who sign in at the registration desk. *PPA can provide you with this exact number following Legislative Day.*
- B. School will receive one (1) point for each meeting that is scheduled and held with legislators during Legislative Day for up to a maximum of twenty (20) points. These points will be based on actual number of meetings (not number of students) and the submission of a completed visit report sheet the day of the event. *PPA can confirm the specific number following the event.*
- C. School will receive five (5) points for each screening hosted at the school table during Legislative Day. An additional five (5) points will be awarded if the school hosts a screening other than blood pressure.

2. 1878 Society Contributors and Fundraising Activities – *Maximum of 25 points*

- A. School will receive one (1) point per current member of the 1878 Society at their school.
- B. School will receive five (5) points for each fundraising activity conducted.

3. GRASP – *Maximum of 30 points*

- A. School will receive one (1) point for each student who successfully completes the GRASP program.
- B. School will receive five (5) points if GRASP graduate(s) do a presentation about the program and their experiences to the chapter, class, or other group of students.

4. Government Relations Presentations, Letter Drives, Etc. – Maximum of 30 points

A. School will receive five (5) points for each of the following documented activities:

1. Advocacy presentations done by PPA on campus by PPA's GR Manager or CEO
2. Successful execution of a letter writing campaign on a PPA priority issue or other important issue
3. Hosting a state legislator on their campus for a presentation
4. Meeting with a legislator in their district office
5. Similar activity that might constitute advocacy awareness

Bonus points: PPA will also consider extraordinary or other creative endeavors to enhance advocacy and legislative efforts on your campus. A maximum of twenty five (25) points may be earned based on the description and results of this activity.

Award Recipient: This award will be presented to the school with the most total points. PPA will calculate points and use a panel of three judges when necessary to assist in the determination of bonus points. PPA staff will also assist schools with the provisions of certain numbers to submit on the application form.

The award will be formally announced during the Annual Leadership and Awards Dinner at the PPA Annual Conference. A cash prize of \$200 will be presented along with a plaque.

Questions on the Award: Please contact Angela Zaydon at azaydon@papharmacists.com or (717) 234-6151, ext. 102.

Award Submission: Please submit electronically no later than June 1 to ppa@papharmacists.com and copy Angela Zaydon, PPA's Government Relations Manager, at azaydon@papharmacists.com.