

State Federation of the Year Application

State federations are the national building blocks of CDA. They have a number of important purposes: (1) To build College Democrats membership by reaching out to unorganized colleges and universities; (2) To mobilize and organize existing chapters to support student issues and the Democratic Party in your state; (3) To provide a reliable point of contact for CDA and the national Democratic Party; and (4) To create a network through which campus chapters can work and share ideas with neighboring chapters. In addition to these important tasks State Federations should also be proactive in engaging college students through programming and issue-based campaigns. In 1000 words or less, answer the following questions to be considered for the State Federation of the Year award:

1. How has your state federation advanced the mission statement of the College Democrats of America?

2. What events or issue-campaigns has your State Federation participated in and how were they a success?

3. How has your State Federation recruited new members, developed stronger chapters and established new chapters?

4. How has your State Federation created better relations between the state party and the College Democrats?

5. On a scale from 1 to 10, rate your State Federation's performance this year and elaborate on the reasons you ranked your state federation that way.

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Applications for State Federation of the Year must be submitted to Mark Buhrmester, Awards Committee Chair, at awards@collegedems.com by Wednesday, August 20 at 5:00pm CST. You will also be required to make a 5 minute presentation to the Awards Committee during the Convention. You may bring supporting materials to this presentation.

Good luck!