



HAWAI'I STATE STUDENT COUNCIL

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TO: Secondary School Student Council Presidents
Student Activities Coordinators

FROM: Bransen Hatakenaka, Chairperson *B. Hatakenaka*

SUBJECT: **Outstanding Student Council Award Recognition (OSCAR) for SY 2023-2024**

The Hawai'i State Student Council (HSSC) has annually sponsored the Outstanding Student Council Award Recognition (OSCAR) Program to promote excellence and to recognize outstanding secondary school student councils. It is our hope that this program will also excite student leaders to refine their student council activities to make it a well-rounded student engagement force in their school. All student councils meeting the portfolio criteria for an outstanding student council will be recognized with an honorary plaque and banner.

The purpose of the OSCAR portfolio will be to serve as a tool to assist Councils to meet the needs of their schools in an environment of empowerment and accountability. Entrants must demonstrate effectiveness with documentary evidence in their portfolio – forms, documents, etc. Digital submissions may also be submitted.

The objectives of the OSCAR program are as follows:

1. To develop an incentive for high school and intermediate/middle school student councils to adopt significant goals and objectives and to develop student council activities that will reach out to all students.
2. To encourage secondary school student councils to complete their goals and objectives by promoting goal setting, planning, responsibility, teamwork, and problem-solving.
3. To promote the development and application of student leadership skills.
4. To encourage active participation and communication within the school community.
5. To encourage student councils to be accountable and maintain a record of their student council activities.
6. To encourage student councils to evaluate their effectiveness and to continually improve.

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Schools that enter the recognition program will be required to prepare and submit a portfolio **(hard copy or digital format)** which includes descriptions, documentation, and evidence of the student council program accomplishments.

The portfolio should showcase student council activities from June 2023 through May 2024. For more information, please visit our website at www.hawaiistuco.com/oscar-program.html

Entry forms must be completed online via Google Form: tinyurl.com/OSCAR2324. Online entry forms are due by Friday, May 3, 2024.

We greatly encourage your participation in the OSCAR Recognition Program. The OSCAR will document just how extraordinary your student council is and how proud you are of it. Digital submissions should be emailed to information.hssc@gmail.com.

If there are any questions, please contact the HSSC advisor, Ms. Tiffany Frias at (808) 305-9774 or by email to tiffany.frias@k12.hi.us.