

Students In Action offers student leadership teams an opportunity to be recognized for their efforts in meeting the objectives of the SIA program. The Spring Competition phase of SIA asks students to show and tell how they demonstrated leadership through service, engaged their school community in service activities, and had positive, measurable impact on issues. This is done through a written survey and an oral presentation made before a panel of judges. Teams may earn a Jefferson Awards Banner (gold, silver or bronze) to display proudly at their schools. The top scoring team from each region will be invited to the Jefferson Awards National Ceremony in Washington, D.C. held June 15-16, 2016.

Online Written Survey

- All SIA Banner School Teams must complete the Online Written Survey and upload related evidence by the Regional deadline. Online survey may be found at:
studentsinaction.jeffersonawards.org
- Scoring rubrics and list of questions may be downloaded from:
<http://studentsinaction.jeffersonawards.org/sia-training/>
- At the published Regional deadline, submitted Written Surveys will be scored by a team of judges including the Regional Director. Teams may earn up to 74 points on this section of the Competition.

Oral Presentation

- Participating schools will attend the Regional Spring Competition event to make their Oral Presentations in front of a panel of community judges.
- Finalists enter the Spring Competition event with their Written Survey score only.
- A panel of Judges will score the in-person Oral Presentation which includes a Q&A session. The Oral Presentation is worth a total of 26 points. The scoring rubric scores presentation skills, not content.
- Written and Oral scores are added together. Teams may earn a Gold, Silver or Bronze Banner based on the combined scores in this round. Gold: 100- 81 points; Silver: 80- 61 points; Bronze: 60-40 points; below 40: Certificate of Participation.
- The Team that receives the top combined score earns the title of Top Regional School and goes to Washington, DC to compete nationally.

National Competition and Rules

- All Top Regional Schools will be eligible to compete for one of three National Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze Jefferson Awards Medals at the Jefferson Awards National Ceremony held in Washington, DC on June 15-16, 2016.
- Top Regional Schools will be asked to prepare and submit a video that creatively summarizes their accomplishments for the year with a focus on Leadership, Engagement and Impact (to be no longer than 3 minutes—guidelines will be provided.)
- A panel of impartial judges will review the Written Surveys and Videos. The Judging Panel will include representatives from the JAF leadership team and national board members.
- Judging will be completed by May 31st. Winners will be announced at the National Ceremony.
- Each Top Regional School is to prepare and bring a 1-2 minute acceptance speech to the National Ceremony in the event they are selected to receive one of the national awards.