

Indiana DeMolay of the Year Award Guidelines and Instructions

Community Leader ó This award will go to an individual who has demonstrated their commitment to the young people in our communities. As the young men in DeMolay grow and develop, they encounter any number of dedicated adults who try and help them reach their full potential. These people are the ones that we wish to recognize for making a difference in our communities. Some professions that may fall into this category are: teachers, counselors or other school leaders, a pastor/reverend or a member of the clergy, or a public official.

Masonic Leader ó This award will recognize a member of the Masonic family who has been instrumental in advancing a particular Masonic organization to greater heights. Chapters should consider someone who has honored commitments and sacrificed in order to grow, sustain, or lead another Masonic body other than DeMolay.

Sportsman ó The Sportsman of the Year Award will be given to an Active DeMolay who demonstrates the virtues of our Order in all of his endeavors. The young man who wins will be gracious during sporting events regardless of the outcome. He will clearly demonstrate to his teammates and anyone who sees him what sportsmanship means. This award is for any type of athletic participation including school, DeMolay events, club, travel, etc.

Ritualist ó This award will go to an Active DeMolay who has demonstrated achievement in learning and conveying our ritual work. With this award, the DeMolay who wins may not be the DeMolay who has earned the most first place medals. It may be awarded to a DeMolay who has worked diligently to learn a part or parts and who demonstrated commitment, tenacity, or determination in order to exemplify a ceremony. It may also be given to a member who motivates and coaches his peers to learn, practice and perform their parts.

Student ó This is an award that will recognize an active DeMolay for achievement in scholastics. Several ideas that may be considered in this area are a commitment to academics, willingness to help others, determined resolve to overcome obstacles and demonstrate hard work.

This award does not necessarily have to go to the student with the highest grades. Rather, it is intended to go to a DeMolay who has worked hard to achieve certain personal goals.

DeMolay ó The quintessential DeMolayí the person who people in the community know and recognize as being a member of the Chapter. This DeMolay may not have the most awards, trophies, or medals. But this member must be someone who is looked up to by his Chapter, members of other Chapters, and even Advisors and parents.

Advisor ó This Advisor may be the lifeblood of the Chapter or the person that is always there with a helping hand, willing to listen, or to speak frankly to the Chapter about what they need to focus on to become a better Chapter. This may be someone who pushes the chapter to new heights.

If your chapter is nominating an individual for one or more of the awards, the chapter needs to include supporting materials that demonstrate why that person should win the award. The supporting letters may come from DeMolays, Advisors, Sweethearts, family members, coworkers, Master Masons or other members of Masonic bodies, and anyone who can articulately explain why that person is being nominated and why they should be selected as the state winner. Typed letters and notes that are grammatically correct will carry more weight with the committee that will select the winners. If the committee agrees that no nominations for a category are worthy of selection, an award will not be given.

If you need help with nominations, how to start the process, or any other aspect, please contact Jeff Koleszar at DeMolay Headquarters who is more than happy to assist you and your Chapter

