

CALIFORNIA - NEVADA MOOSE ASSOCIATION
YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESS

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OBTAINING STUDENTS

This is a guide that works for me. What works for you may be different? What I have learned from the past Congresses is; get as many students involved as possible in the Congress, do a quick follow up and urge the students not to wait until the last minute to do their reports.

- **Remember your Congress "Check List"? Having a School Board Official as a speaker helps sometimes when you are just getting started. On your request for students to the schools, copy (cc) the school board official.**
- Keep in mind, there is a District Chairman and a Lodge Chairman from each District who have been asked to help you. Your job is to notify the members and coordinate the Congress.
- Start informing your Lodge and Districts in May and continue each month through the end of the Congress.

At the Lodge level:

Brother Governor/ Lodge Chairman:

(This is assuming you have a Youth Awareness Chairman. If not, advertise for help in your bulletin, there is always someone who works with the schools.)

- Contact the High schools in May and June. A Vice Principal and or **Career Councilor (noted below)** June, July, and August are months that you contact the students who had attended the **prior year**.
- The heavy push starts September 1, by calling the school representatives for the students you need.
- Find out who is in charge of the their Youth Awareness Programs such as:
 - **Saturday Night Live, Youth Educators, and who the current Career Councilor is.**
 - **Next contact the Career Councilor, as this is a new position in the last couple of years and this person can help you contact the correct people that can help you..**
- Invite your school contacts into your lodge or go to the school. (Make it personal.)
 - Send a copy of your program to this person and keep the school principal informed.
- Ask for 2 students and 2 backup from each High School in your area.
- **Note:** Remember to keep your Chapters informed. They have committees who can help you at the Congress and getting the students to the schools.
- Identify and locate the elementary schools in you area. Call or write the principal and inform him/her that there is a possibility your HS students may want to talk to his/her students.
- **Note:** By obtaining students from the Youth Educator, half your job is done. These students have experience in talking to the younger children.(Part of their program)
- Try to pick the elementary schools that already have programs such as the D.A.R.E. and Red Ribbon. You want to work with this program, not in place of it. (Very important)
- **Then there is the old fashion way, simply ask your membership for help.** Do they have any sons, daughters, relatives, etc. that are in High School? Would the students like to win a scholarship?

Outside the Lodges:

Drop off your fliers to the following locations: Eagles Lodge, Social Services, School Board, Boy and Girls Clubs, Church groups, and the list continues on. **Here I would probably list the Lodge Phone number as a means of contact. (Safety first)**

2009-2010: (Richmond Only) In your fliers, Note instant recognition of \$25 or more for the student who submits the first three "kids talks." The YA Committee will propose one Cal North scholarship, such as \$200 plus in a random drawing for all those who submit six talks. Make that presentation two times, one at his/her school and one at the District meeting. (Suggestion from YA Committeeman, Del Wolfe of Concord 567.)

Please note the above recognition is locally funded, and in addition to the Cal North winners that will go to the National Congress.

If you can add to my list, please give me a call me at 510-223-4498 or fax me at 510-223-3628.

Fraternally submitted:

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