

## NASSCED Member Resource Survey 2010

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<b>State Represented *</b>	New Hampshire
<b>Organization Represented *</b>	New Hampshire Association of Student Councils
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<b>Executive Director #3</b>	
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<b>Approximate Number of Member Schools *</b>	30
<b>Annual Membership Fee</b>	\$75
<b>Does your membership elect State Officer...</b>	Students/Individuals
<b>Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:</b>	Nominations for officers-elect are received and elections held in May at an annual Spring Convention. Elect positions are two year positions and are open to all sophomore and freshmen with the exception of President -elect which must be a sophomore.
<b>Which best describes the sponsorship (if any) of your association?</b>	Affiliated with your State Principals Association
<b>Is the Executive Director of your association a full-time position?</b>	No - without a stipend
<b>Does your association currently have 501(c)3 non-profit status?</b>	No
<b>State Convention 2010-2011 date</b>	November 11-12, 2010
<b>For your State Convention, how are students primarily housed?</b>	Hotel
<b>For your State Convention, what is your primary meeting facility?</b>	Conference Center
<b>Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of your State Convention.</b>	Our annual Fall Conference is our biggest event with over 300 students from around the state in attendance. The highlights of the Conference include keynote speakers and workshops, advisor workshops, Candlelighting, Region and school meetings.
<b>Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010-2011 date</b>	Winter Workshop February 9, 2011

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**Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010-2011 date**      Spring Convention May 20, 2011

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**Other Conference/Event #3, with 2010-2011 date**

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**Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of one of the three events listed above.**

The Winter Workshop is a school-hosted event which consists of workshops and a speaker and/or multimedia presentation. It is event which begins at midday and runs through dinner. Our Spring Convention is our end of year event which consists of a summary of the year's events, awards and recognition ceremonies, officer elections and new officer inductions. It is a morning event which takes place in the New Hampshire State House Representatives Hall.

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**Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?**

No - we do not plan to expand membership to middle level

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**As State Officers?**

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**As Regional or District Officers, within your state?**

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**At the same state Conventions or Conferences?**

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**At their own state Conventions or Conferences?**

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**At Regional conferences?**

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**At NASC L.E.A.D. Conferences?**

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**At NASC National Conferences?**

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**In the same award programs as high schools?**

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**In their own award programs?**

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**Does your association conduct a summer leadership program?**

NO

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**If your answer above was YES, please list below the name and summer 2011 date (if known) for each of your summer programs:**

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**What is the fee per delegate for your summer program?**

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**Have a separate advanced level program?**

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**Have a separate middle level program?**

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**Serve as a prerequisite to becoming a State Officer?**

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<b>Award/Program #1 Description:</b>	Honor Council Award- very similar to the Council of Excellence program (although we have been giving this award for years) that primarily consists of councils submitting a scrapbook describing their organization, events and other information required by the Honor Council application. We also award and annual Advisor of the Year (who later becomes our Schull nominee) and Administrator of the Year. All of these recipients are recognized at our Spring Convention at the State House in May.
<b>Award/Program #2 Description:</b>	Help Hungry Kids Award- an award issued to a school community that collected the most food and/or cash PER STUDENT in their school. This award is also given at our Spring Convention in May.
<b>Award/Program #3 Description:</b>	Ann Reardon I.O.U.-NH Award- given to a member Council who conducted the best community service project during the year. This award was created by a former state president and the I.O.U. stands for "Improving our Union". It is currently being given in memory of Mrs. Ann Reardon, a former school advisor and Executive Board member who dedicated herself and her Council to service. This award is given at our Spring Convention in May.
<b>How does your association deal with the issue of advisor turnover?</b>	Every year we reach out to past member schools to keep a record of advisor names to stay in contact. When an advisor leaves we offer mentors from neighboring schools to help in the transition for new advisors. It is a yearly project to maintain and recruit new member schools. We have found it is often more of an issue with administrator turn-over just as much as advisor turn-over.
<b>What is another significant problem currently facing your association, and how are you dealing with it?</b>	Funding...we are not subsidized in any way by our Principals association or any other group. We try to keep the costs down for our events and have been fortunate to receive some modest corporate sponsorship for our events to help defray the costs.
<b>What advice do you have for someone who has just become a new Executive Director?</b>	Use your member advisors as resource people to support what already works well in your organization and develop new programs to support new and emerging needs of your membership. NASSCED members are also tremendous resources as there are no issues you are facing that someone in this group hasn't already had to deal with before.

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