

## NASSCED Member Resource Survey 2010

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<b>State Represented *</b>	South Carolina
<b>Organization Represented *</b>	South Carolina Association of Student Councils
<b>Executive Director #1 *</b>	Lola Richbourg
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<b>Executive Director #3</b>	
<b>Executive Director #4</b>	
<b>Approximate Number of Member Schools *</b>	105
<b>Annual Membership Fee</b>	\$50 for regular membership \$60 for Palmetto scholarship
<b>Does your membership elect State Officer...</b>	Students/Individuals
<b>Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:</b>	Students run as candidates at the spring state convention provided they have proper permission from their school's administration and adviser and have attended the state's summer leadership camp. Students campaign and deliver speech
<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>	Yes - as a stand alone organization
<b>State Convention 2010-2011 date</b>	March 18-20, 2011
<b>For your State Convention, how are students primarily housed?</b>	Host Families
<b>For your State Convention, what is your primary meeting facility?</b>	School Building
<b>Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of your State Convention.</b>	Students not only get to participate in the democratic process of elections, but they also get to attend meaningful workshops, hear outstanding keynote speakers, and receive awards at the banquet.
<b>Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010-2011 date</b>	October 8, October 22, 2010 - 6 different state rallies
<b>Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010-2011 date</b>	Advisors Workshop/Clinic - January 24, 2011

<b>Other Conference/Event #3, with 2010-2011 date</b>	Middle Level Workshop - January 24, 2011
<b>Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of one of the three events listed above.</b>	A guest presenter is brought in to work with advisors during this one-day clinic. Advisors also have the time to participate in a swap shop of ideas. While this clinic is going on, we have a workshop for middle level students in which they learn team work, about our association, and what they can do to help their school.
<b>Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?</b>	Yes
<b>As State Officers?</b>	YES
<b>As Regional or District Officers, within your state?</b>	YES
<b>At the same state Conventions or Conferences?</b>	YES
<b>At their own state Conventions or Conferences?</b>	NO
<b>At Regional conferences?</b>	YES
<b>At NASC L.E.A.D. Conferences?</b>	NO
<b>At NASC National Conferences?</b>	YES
<b>In the same award programs as high schools?</b>	YES
<b>In their own award programs?</b>	NO
<b>Does your association conduct a summer leadership program?</b>	YES
<b>If your answer above was YES, please list below the name and summer 2011 date (if known) for each of your summer programs:</b>	SCASC Summer Leadership Camp July 10-14, 2011
<b>What is the fee per delegate for your summer program?</b>	\$225.00
<b>Have a separate advanced level program?</b>	YES
<b>Have a separate middle level program?</b>	YES
<b>Serve as a prerequisite to becoming a State Officer?</b>	YES
<b>Award/Program #1 Description:</b>	Gavel Award - based on a scrapbook submitted - identifies the top student councils in the state. Judging is at the state convention.

<b>Award/Program #2 Description:</b>	Project Award - Schools may enter up to three projects in one of 9 categories. Judging is at the state convention.
<b>Award/Program #3 Description:</b>	Honor Council - not a competition between schools, but an evaluation of a school's student council program. Schools applying for Honor Council must fill out an application and earn the required points.
<b>How does your association deal with the issue of advisor turnover?</b>	We try to offer help, advice, and resources.
<b>What is another significant problem currently facing your association, and how are you dealing with it?</b>	Membership is down. We are currently working on a brochure of what we do. The executive directors are offering their services to the member schools (speaking, judging, etc). In addition, those schools who are not members must pay an additional fee to attend SCASC sponsored events.
<b>What advice do you have for someone who has just become a new Executive Director?</b>	Hang in there. It gets easier with time and we need dedicated people who see the value in our future leaders. "I see a bright future in kids; that's why I advise."
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