

RETURN THE FAVOR PROGRAM

The program began under USJCI Senate President, Larry Sheeler (#16232) in 1987-88 as the "Yes We Can Help" program. It was developed as an offshoot of US Jaycee President Gary Wilkinson's "Yes We Can" theme. Later that same year the program was changed to "Return the Favor." The chairman that first year was Mike Harris (#24801) of North Carolina.

In 1994 the US Jaycees, under President Matthew Shapiro (#46859), began recognizing senators who did an outstanding job assisting Jaycees. When Shapiro started this, five or six senators were recognized on stage at the US Jaycee National Convention.

From those beginnings, JCI Senators have been recognized for outstanding efforts they have contributed to local Jaycee chapters and State Organizations. Senators have returned the favor to Jaycees by serving as judges for individual award competitions, providing training for local chapters and at statewide meetings and as a resource for new member recruitment. Many State Senate Organizations serve their Jaycees by hosting state meetings, providing staff for fundraising activities and serving as a mentor in the planning and presentation of other state Jaycee programs. All of these activities just scratch the surface on the support that Senators provide as they work to Return The Favor.

The program strives to recognize those outstanding Senators and State Senate Organizations for the exceptional efforts they provide. Submissions are encouraged from local Jaycee chapters and state Jaycee organizations. Submissions are, also, accepted from fellow senators desiring to see their peers recognized for their outstanding service to aid the Jaycees. Presentations may be done at each of the USJCI Senate National Meetings.

Nomination forms should be submitted to:

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Deadlines: August 23, 2013; December 20, 2013; June 1, 2014

Electronic submissions are encouraged and all submissions must be in-hand by the deadline dates.