

THE MAURICE BISGYER CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

BBYO CHAPTERS



BACKGROUND

The Maurice Bisgyer Chapter Excellence Award is the most prestigious honor a BBYO chapter can earn. It requires that the chapter represent top quality in all areas of chapter operations– a growing membership, diverse and rich programming, healthy chapter organization, and consistent contributions as well as participation in the initiatives and programs led by the International Order.

CRITERIA

The chapters selected for this honor are leaders of the global community of Alephs and BBGs and exemplify the ideals set forth in the Seven Cardinal Principles and the Menorah Pledge. All chapters should strive to be awarded placement on this annual honor roll, and this application can be used as a tool to organize a chapter’s planning each term.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Part I: Membership

1. Current Membership Totals (8th - 12th Grade)
2. Membership Total (End of Current Program Year)

Part II: Programming

1. Total Number of Approved Programs Posted on BBYO Program Bank/Dashboard:
2. What percentage of your chapter participated in Kickoff? Council/Regional Conventions?
3. What about your chapter’s program quality and programming process makes you suitable for this award?
4. How many chapter members – other than Board members – planned programs this year?
5. How has your chapter programming evolved over the past year? How is it different and better than it was this time last year?
6. Describe your chapter’s best program (this past term, or past year) and why it was successful. What was the objective of the program, and to what degree was this objective accomplished (how were participants impacted by the program)?
7. How has your chapter’s programming supported the growth of your chapter members toward the Educational Framework Outcomes? Describe specific examples of chapter programs designed to support these objectives.

Part III: Chapter Organization

1. How does your chapter advertise/promote itself and its programs to your members and the larger Jewish community?
2. How do older members communicate chapter standards and traditions to new members?
3. What does your chapter do to contribute to the success of your region and the International Order?

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Part IV: Regional and International Activities

1. How many attendees did your chapter have at each of this past year's Immersive Experiences?
 - International Convention
 - Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC)
 - International Leadership Training Conference (ILTC)
 - International Kallah
 - Impact: Boston
 - Impact: DC
 - Ambassadors to Argentina
 - Ambassadors to Bulgaria
 - International Leadership Seminar in Israel (ILSI)
 - Passport to the World Travel
 - March of the Living
2. How many other Council/Regional or international awards have chapter members or the Chapter, itself, earned in the last year?
 - Menorah Pledge & Cardinal Principles Award
 - Shield of David/Star of Deborah Award
 - BBYO Stand UP *Gemilut Chasidim* Award
 - Anita Perlman Stand UP Award
 - Tree of Life/Eternal Light Recruitment Award
 - Maurice Bisgyer BBYO Chapter Excellence Award (last year)
 - Council/Regional Honors
3. In a separate document, describe your Chapter's participation in the following international initiatives:
 - BBYO Stand UP
 - Speak UP
 - AZA/BBG Global Shabbat
 - J-Serve
 - International Service Fund/Globalization
 - Advisor Appreciation
 - BBYO Connect
 - AZAAthletics/BBGGames
 - Other

Part V: General Questions

Your Chapter should answer the first two questions. Your Council/Regional Godol should answer the third question.

1. How does your chapter promote and embody The Seven Cardinal Principles? Additionally, which Educational Framework Outcome (Identify, Connect, Improve) did your chapter most focus on for its members? Why did you focus there? How did you address it?
2. What challenges did your chapter face this year? How did you address and overcome those challenges?
3. For the Council/Regional Godo/N'siah!: Why does this chapter deserve this honor?

Part VI: Staff Approval: Your application must be reviewed and approved in advance by your local staff member and chapter advisor.