

Going the Extra Mile

Torch Awards and Special Recognition Awards

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About Myranda

- Senior at Sussex Central High School
- 3rd year in BPA
- Plays the Drums for 9 years
- Competitions:
 - Global marketing
 - Prepared Speech

About Colin

- Junior at Smyrna High
- 3rd Year in BPA
- Play Lacrosse
- Competitions:
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - Interview Skills

Activity!

- The Game of Hiyo
- Break into groups
- Walk towards your opponent giving eye contact
- Bow with your hands together, and say “Hiyo”
- No Laughing, smiling, or losing eye contact or you’re out!
- There will be a championship round!



What is Torch Awards

- Frames and guides a BPA member's Leadership and service to their community
 - Torch categories: Leadership, Faith, Love, Hope, Cooperation, Friendship, Patriotism, Knowledge, Service
 - Individual awards
 - Torch categories are then logged into the torch resume online:
<https://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem/Login.asp?From=TorchAwards.aspx>



How do you earn Torch Awards?

- Many ways to earn torch award points
 - Activity Ex: Recited BPA pledge,
 - Each activity is worth 5, 10, 15 or 20 points for each category
- Valid activities
 - In order to have the activities count, each activity you submit must start with an action phrase such as “participated in” or “voted in”
 - Ex: “Ran for a BPA Local Office”,

Levels of Torch Awards

- Four levels of torch awards
 - Executive – 10 Points
 - Diplomat – 30 Points
 - Statesman – 50 points
 - Ambassador – 70 Points, could possibly go to Nationals
 - High School students must start over



Torch Awards

- Leadership:
 - Serve as class representative or alternate, Student Senate representative or alternate, or class officer for a year's term



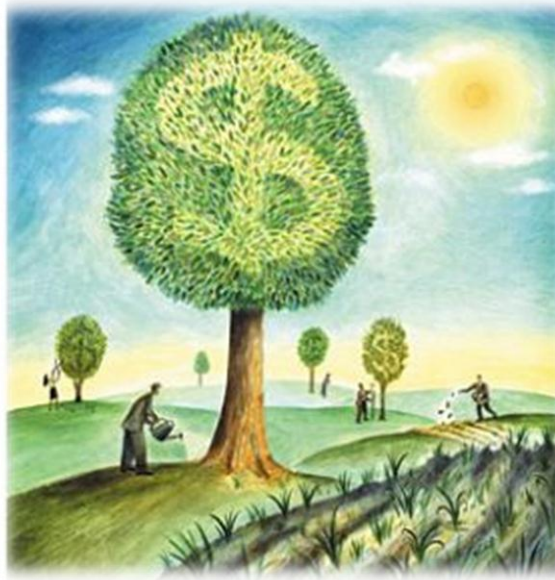
Torch Awards

- Faith, Hope, Love
 - Work to promote community goodwill through a Business Professionals of America local chapter activity involving a shut-in, elderly person, hospital, children's home, etc. (identify your involvement, activity, and persons)



Torch Awards

- Cooperation
 - Ex: Participate in a local chapter fund-raising project (identify the involvement and project)



Torch Awards

- Friendship
 - Attend an official Business Professionals of America local chapter meeting
 - Attend an official Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference



Torch Awards

- Patriotism:
 - Attend a school board meeting
 - Demonstrate or explain the proper procedure for displaying and caring for the U.S. flag (identify circumstances and involvement)



Service

- Speak about Business Professionals of America at a non-chapter meeting (such as a civic organization) (this may include one presentation to a school-related organization) (identify the topic and meeting)
- Participate in a service project sponsored by the Business Professionals



Torch Awards

- Knowledge
 - Make a short presentation on the Business Professionals of America colors (identify to whom, when, and how presented)



Activity

- Think of at least two activities that you have participated in
 - Write down the activities on a piece of paper
 - These activities must fall under one of the torch categories
 - Ex: Faith, Hope, Love- Sang Christmas carols with local bpa chapter
- Categories
 - Cooperation
 - Friendship
 - Knowledge
 - Love, Hope, Faith
 - Patriotism
 - Service

Things to Remember on Torch Awards

- Eligibility for Nationals
 - No guarantee to make it to nationals.
 - The ability for you to travel is your school districts decision
- High school,
 - the points you earn will carry over each year
 - Points from middle school do not transfer to high school
- Middle School
 - Points from middle school do transfer year to year
- This program is designed to give you experience and service in your community!



BPA Cares

- What?
 - Awards given to chapters that have worked on projects specific to certain awards
 - Helps give public exposure to BPA and its members
 - Helps chapters receive recognition from the National Organization
- How?
 - [BPA Cares Program Handbook](#)
 - Visit www.delawarebpa.org for more info

Special Awards



- **Member Recruiter:** Awarded to individual members for recruiting five or more new chapter members during a school year



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- **Merit Scholar:** Awarded to individual members for possessing exemplary Knowledge of Business Professionals of America
 - Merit scholarship: only at national level

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- **Environmental Action and Awareness Award:**
Awarded to chapters for raising awareness of and doing something about environmental issues.



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- **Community Relief Service Award:** To encourage BPA chapters to provide volunteer services, to assist with disaster services, to provide health and safety community education, to participate in blood drives, and/or to raise and donate monetary support for relief organizations.



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- **BPA Marketing and Public Relations:** Awarded to chapters for recruitment, promotion, and public relations activities



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- All PowerPoints are available online at
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- Thank You!