

Outstanding Position Papers

Once a delegation has thoroughly researched the agenda topics and the international implications concerning their Member State, it should begin outlining its policies by preparing a position paper. Although not a requirement for participation at MMUN or for delegate/delegation awards in committee and plenary, delegations are highly encouraged to submit their position papers. The awards will be for individual committees. Awards will be announced during closing ceremonies.

Position Paper Guidelines:

1. Each delegation should submit one position paper for each committee represented.
2. The submission cannot be longer than **one side of one sheet of 8½ by 11 inch** paper and should include the position of the delegation on all of the designated topic areas of the committee or council.
3. The margins of the submission must be ½ inch on all sides.
4. The font of the submission must be “Times New Roman”, and 10 point.
5. The submission must be saved in doc, docx, or PDF file format. Other formats, including Works, Word Pad, or Mac compatible will not be accepted.
6. The submission must have the following format:

Delegation Name	Committee Name
<u>Topic A: Full topic statement as given</u>	
Body Paragraph	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address three documents not mentioned in the topic guide to demonstrate research of the Member State’s position • Provide specific information about the Member State’s policy on topic • Provide an action plan outlining what this committee should do 	
<u>Topic B: Full topic statement as given</u>	
Body Paragraph	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address three documents not mentioned in the topic guide to demonstrate research of the Member State’s position • Provide specific information about the Member State’s policy on topic • Provide an action plan outlining what this committee should do 	

Position Papers will be evaluated on the following Criteria:

1. **Does the paper conform to all of the Guidelines listed above? Submissions deemed to not be in compliance with the above six requirements will not be evaluated.**
2. The paper should be well written and free of all grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors.
3. This is not a research paper on your Member State nor the topic area. The paper should



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be written from the perspective of a diplomat. This means that the paper should include *policy statements* about the topic, and *how your designated Member State wants to address the topic*.

4. **Papers submitted that include either the school's name or the name of the delegates writing the guide will be disqualified!** Since the staff will be awarding papers deemed to be outstanding, it is important to judge solely based on the substance, structure and quality of the paper itself. The staff will score each submission multiple times, and the scores will be averaged. The submissions with the highest average scores will be selected as winners.
5. All submissions must be received by **5:00:00 PM (CST) Friday, February 16, 2018**. Submissions received after this deadline will not be considered. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to the submitting e-mail address. This confirmation e-mail is not a confirmation that the attached guides meet all of the requirements, only that an e-mail was received prior to the submission deadline. The only e-mail that will accept Position Paper submissions is the committee specific email address below. MMUN will no longer accept position papers via USPS. All submissions must be through e-mail to the provided address.

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