



Awards and How to Get Them

Award Ceremony

After committee is over, we will host an awards ceremony to provide certificates for the most highly ranked delegates in the conference. Each committee will award two commendations, two outstanding, and one best delegate; the best delegate award is the most sought after of all three. To be awarded any of these, one must score very well on the different parts of committee. You will receive scores for opening speeches, comments given to speeches of others, moderated caucus speeches, and performance in unmoderated caucuses. To ensure your spot at the top, one must speak well and often. However, as long as you put yourself out there and really give everything your best effort, you will have a great shot at winning. You also must make sure everything you say is appropriate, thoughtful, and fitting to the situation. Down below are sample speeches and comments that will provide a great outline and hopefully ensure your success.

General and Substantive Speeches (Score 1-10):

We will be having two speeches, one that is general and one that is substantive. In the general debate speech, you will speak about your country and its past and present dealings with whatever issue you are addressing. This will be about 1:00 for each delegate, and we will be very strict with the time. Later, we will have substantive debate, and these speeches will allow for delegates to outline their country's ideas for solution in the long run based upon what they've already done as a country. Feel free to lightly summarize the first speech given to provide for a nice intro, but make sure most of the speech addresses the specific ways you feel your country should fix this problem. Speeches that do well will stick to these guidelines and address ideas formally and appropriately.

Here is a sample of a general debate speech that you can use as a template when writing your own:

<https://www.ofs.edu.sg/resources/munofs/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2014/04/Sample-Opening-Speech.pdf>

Comments (Score 1-3):

Comments are typically around a 30 second short speech addressed to another country that just gave their opening speech. Try to give as many as possible. It is important to use these as a tool of politeness and not scorn or anger. MUN is all about togetherness and international peace, so please be respectful of your fellow delegates even though their country's views may be contradictory to your own country. These are examples of good and bad comments.

GOOD:

- 1) I commend the delegate of _____ for a well, thought out speech. I agree with their views and actions done to _____ and respect their present work. However, I am skeptical about _____ and am not sure I agree with this action because _____. Thank you for presenting your views and I hope to have a great discussion in further caucuses.
- 2) The country of _____ has some incredibly good ideas about _____ and I think we should follow their views and actions wholeheartedly. We mustn't ignore _____ or shy away from _____ but stand up. I agree with every part of _____'s statement because _____ and I look forward to partnering with them and their goals.

BAD:

- 1) I agree with the former speaker. (be more specific)
- 2) I don't agree with the former speaker. (be more specific)
- 3) I think the country of _____ is incredibly wrong and I am right. We shouldn't listen to them because their ideas are crazy and their country is [something derogatory]

Moderated Caucuses (Score 1-5)

These speeches are typically around 45 seconds and they mostly come at a time when countries are beginning to come up with resolution ideas. Moderated caucuses sometimes come when committee is torn between different ways of resolving situations, and these speeches allow countries to address the rest of committee and share their thoughts. The easiest way to do well with these are to just simply state what you are working on with other countries and explain why these goals are important to you. You will not be able to prepare them before the day of committee, but they will not be too bad if your resolution groups are working hard and being thoughtful.

Unmoderated Caucuses (Score 1-3):

Chairs will be walking around and monitoring delegates as they are talking in groups during this time. These points are relatively easy, as you only need to get them by talking. Without overpowering others, try to add your own views into the conversation and talk with countries about things you have heard in their speeches and you will easily earn the points.