

Award Categories

A variety of awards are available to recognize Keystone Clubs, Keystone projects and Keystone advisors for their creativity, their support of teens and their positive impact on the Club and broader community. Visit the [Keystone Zone](#) for applications and deadlines.

National Keystone Project award

- You can submit your Club’s project for the National Keystone Project award, which is given at the Keystone National Conference each year.
- This award recognizes the outstanding efforts you and your teammates have made in your Clubs and communities and the impact you have had through Keystoning.
- Your advisor will submit the project in advance of the conference, but you’ll help describe the purpose and outcomes for the application.
- Conference award nominations are only open during a certain period—usually during the conference registration period.

Projects in four key focus areas

- Clubs also are eligible for awards for projects in the four key focus areas—**academic success, career preparation, community service, and teen outreach.**
- The awards recognize Keystone Clubs for their leadership and dedication to the community through Keystoning.
- Keystone Clubs are assessed by a panel of judges who consider the project’s: creative and imaginative thought and planning; relevance to the Club and community; member involvement in planning and implementation; and teen recruitment.
- Winning Clubs receive an award plaque and a monetary prize.
- To have your Keystone Club project considered for an award, your team will partner with the Keystone advisor to submit a form.
- You and your teammates will help describe the project, its purpose, the issue it addresses, total hours of service, creative elements, number of Keystoners involved, overall impact and project outcomes.

Keystone Club of the Year award

- The Club of the Year award also is given at the Keystone National Conference.
- To compete for this award, you and your team will describe:
 - ✓ how your Keystone Club has demonstrated leadership among other BGCA members;
 - ✓ recognition your Keystone Club has received at the local, state or national level;
 - ✓ how your Club has supported the four key focus areas;
 - ✓ how teen voice has been infused into Keystone Club meetings; and
 - ✓ how many new teens have become members of the Boys & Girls Club as a result of your efforts.

Advisor awards

- Two additional awards recognize the Keystone advisor. Advisors are nominated by Keystoneers for the **Advisor of the Year award** and by other advisors for the **The Spirit of Keystone: Debra Williams Clark award**. These awards recognize how the Keystone advisor has:
 - ✓ helped Keystoneers develop a sense of pride;
 - ✓ find their voice and be heard; and
 - ✓ develop a sense of unity with other teens in the Boys & Girls Club and in the community.