



# AIBL National Conference

## Chapter of the Year Competition Guidelines

The **Chapter of the Year Competition** is an opportunity for students to highlight the unique and dedicated work of their AIBL Chapter. The competition is an educational experience for students to learn the process of creating a stage presentation summarizing yearly Chapter leadership activities including educational activities, community service projects, social activities, fundraising efforts, and integration of Indigenous culture. Each stage presentation will be created and submitted by Chapters through the combined efforts of all participating students with the guidance of AIBL advisors. A chapter of the year stage presentation will be presented as a team at the National Conference.

### Who Should Participate

We encourage Chapters to participate if they are interested in:

- creating positive change within their local Indigenous community.
- sharing how they are actively involved with leadership, culture, community service, and fundraising activities.
- enhancing conceptual, organizational, and oral presentation skills.

### Eligibility Requirements

Active AIBL Chapter for at least six months. Chapters must travel to the AIBL National Conference to compete live on stage.

### Competition Divisions

Three divisions: **High School, Tribal College, and University.**

### Awards

**\$1,000 checks and trophies** will be awarded to teams who place first in each division and are announced at the awards banquet. Monetary awards will be in the form of a check made payable to the winning team's AIBL Chapter. Teams will decide how the money will be distributed. No checks will be made to individuals.

### Competition Overview

#### Preparation

- Designate a team lead who will communicate and submit all final documents to AIBL, ensure guidelines are met, and deadlines are adhered to.

#### Stage Presentation

- Create a presentation summarizing yearly Chapter activities using Google Slides, Canva, or PowerPoint, saved in PDF format. No videos will be accepted.
- Submit the stage presentation in advance of the National Conference.

#### National Conference

- Present stage presentation in front of a live audience and judges panel at the National Conference.
- Participate in a Q&A with judges regarding the summary of yearly Chapter activities after the stage presentation.
- Judges scores tallied up following all stage presentations.
- Winning teams announced at the awards banquet.

### Submission Instructions

Teams must adhere to all guidelines, submission dates, and deadlines. All deadlines are the due dates listed on the competition portal, PST 11:59 pm. Teams must use the competition portal at [aibl.org/annual-conference](http://aibl.org/annual-conference) for all submissions. Only one stage presentation will be accepted from each Chapter. Past presentations are not eligible for submission. Stage presentations not submitted through the competition portal by the deadline will not be accepted and the Chapters invitation to compete will be revoked. Submission instructions are as follows:

- Sign up to secure your team's spot to compete on stage at the National Conference.
- Submit the stage presentation in PDF format.

### Parameters

Stage presentations submitted will not be returned. Contents of the stage presentations must fall within the following parameters:

- Stage presentations must describe the current yearly Chapter leadership activities including educational activities, community service projects, social activities, fundraising efforts, and integration of Indigenous culture.
- Chapter leadership activities must be student-created and managed. Students are expected to:
  - Be a driving force behind leadership activities.
  - Have played a major role in developing and submitting the stage presentation.
  - Participate in the stage presentation at the National Conference.

### Time Adherence

Stage presentations are 10 minutes total.

- 5 minutes: stage presentation
- 5 minutes: Q&A with judges

### Stage Presentation Content (what is presented on-screen live at the National Conference)

Teams presenting on stage must adhere to the following guidelines for stage presentations. Stage presentation slides should be created with content in the following order:

- Opening Slide: Chapter name & year
- Chapter Introduction: Chapter Advisor & Officer names
- Leadership activities: educational activities, community service projects, & social activities
- Fundraising efforts
- Integration of Indigenous culture

Teams need to arrive on time for the chapter of the year competition. Chapters will be asked to the main stage when their Chapter name is displayed on the stage screen. The presentation order will not be shared with Chapters or the audience.

- Once all team members are securely on stage and start speaking, the timer will start.
- Each Chapter is allotted 10-minutes of stage time to present.
- At 4 minutes 45 seconds, a Jeopardy sound will play, and at the 5-minute mark, the presentation screen will turn black. Judges will immediately begin the Q&A portion of the presentation.
- At 9 minutes 45 seconds, another Jeopardy sound will play, and at the 10-minute mark, the screen will turn black and presenters can thank the judges and leave the stage.

### Judges Scoring

At least **three** Chapter members must present live on stage with speaking roles. The judge's scores will remain confidential during and after the competition. A one-page "commentary & feedback" sheet will be provided via email to Chapters after the competition. Presentations will be judged on the following criteria:

(Rating system: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor)

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- Integration of Indigenous culture
- Presentation skills
- Time adherence