

2024 USAD Nationals Competition Awards Distribution

Individual Event Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each Division I, II, III, IV & V for the first, second and third place students from the honor, scholastic and varsity categories in each event. All ties will be awarded.

Individual Overall Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to team participants in Division I, II, III, IV & V to the first, second and third place students from the honor, scholastic and varsity categories with the highest cumulative scores from all 10 events. Scholarships shall be awarded to the overall individual winners.

Overall Team Awards

Gold, silver and bronze medals and championship trophies and banners will be presented to the first, second and third place teams in Division I, II, III, IV & V. Plaques will be awarded to the fourth-place team in Division I, II, III, IV & V. Team scores are determined by the two highest honor, scholastic and varsity scores for all 10 events.

Super Quiz Team Awards

Plaques will be awarded to the first-place teams in Division I, II, III, IV & V with the highest raw score for all nine students in the Super Quiz.

B. Franklin Reinauer II Economics Prize

This award is presented to the highest scoring team participant in economics overall from Division I, II, III, IV & V.

Asa Edwin Reaves, Esq. Social Science Prize

This award will be given to the highest scoring varsity team members from Division I, II, III, IV & V in the area of social science.

Frank Wurtzel Prize

This award is presented to a varsity team participant in Division I, II, III, IV & V who has the highest combined score in the areas of literature, essay, and speech.

Rookie of the Year Award

This award is presented to the highest scoring rookie team in Division I, II, III, IV & V, defined as a team that has not competed at Nationals for 10 or more years.

State Directors' Communication Award

A \$250 award as a tribute to present and past State Directors who are no longer with us will be given to the team with the highest combined Nationals Essay, Interview and Speech scores. The award will rotate every three years based on varsity, scholastic and honor categories. All three individual scores will be used to determine the team scores for that category. Teams can use the funds at their own discretion.

Founder's Scholarship: Most Improved Varsity Student

This award is presented to a varsity team participant in Division I, II, III, IV & V who has improved their score the most at Nationals from their state competition score.

The Highest Scoring Student Award

This award is presented to the highest scoring student on each U.S. team in Division I, II, III, IV & V.

Most Valuable Team Member

A medal will be presented to the decathlete who was chosen by his/her teammates as the most valuable team member from U.S. teams in Division I, II, III, IV & V.

The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award

Two Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Awards are given by the USAD Board of Directors to United States team participants who demonstrate a high degree of dedication, strength of character, team leadership, perseverance and commitment while overcoming significant obstacles or unusual circumstances to participate in the United States Academic Decathlon. The Board welcomes nominations from USAD coaches during the course of each competition year, and appropriate public recognition will be determined for the most deserving nominees.

The Dr. Robert D. Peterson National Championship Award

This award will be given to the U.S. team from Division I, II or III with the highest overall score and that team shall be proclaimed the National Champion.