



## 2026 Student Choice Awards

### 2026 Student Choice Award Application Submission Form

The Student Choice Award for Holistic Advising recognizes postsecondary institutions in the United States that have undergone holistic advising redesign efforts supported by cross-functional teams to increase completion and success indicators for all students, including Black, Latinx/a/o, Indigenous, Asian, and Pacific Islander students and poverty-affected students.

The awards process and criteria have been developed and refined by students, and a panel of student reviewers will present this award to institutions that demonstrate a commitment to the inclusion of student voices and perspectives in holistic advising redesign projects and initiatives.

### Benefits of Participation

Selected institutions will be awarded up to \$10,000.00, based on the criteria listed [here](#). Award recipients will be featured in an ASN case study collection and be nationally recognized.

### Directions

Apply through the [Google form here](#). NASPA will accept one application per institution and suggests applicants include cross-functional perspectives in their materials. We anticipate that it may take up to one hour to complete this application, though it may take more time if a group is involved for collaboration on the application responses. Please direct any questions to [advisingsuccessnetwork@naspa.org](mailto:advisingsuccessnetwork@naspa.org).

Applications will be accepted through 11:59pm ET on Friday, May 25, 2026.

Institutions selected for the 2026 Student Choice Award will be notified by June 16, 2026. Award recipients will be publicly announced at the end of June, following completion of award agreements and required documentation.

### 1. Institution Name

Application Lead Contact Information and Senior Leader Contact Information

#### Application Lead

*Application lead is the person overseeing this application process. If awarded, this individual will coordinate relevant individuals at the institution to:*



- Prepare for and take part in a 90-minute interview with ASN staff to share insights about the institution's holistic advising approach and intended use of award funds, and respond to any follow-up questions.
- Collaborate with ASN staff to review, approve, and disseminate the institution's feature in the Student Choice Award case study collection through appropriate institutional communications channels.
- Coordinate with institutional communications staff to co-develop a communications and dissemination plan with ASN, which may include recording a brief video highlighting the institution's program and student voice efforts.
- Attend two progress meetings with ASN staff to share updates (approximately six and twelve months after the award is granted).
- Write a blog post detailing the use and impact of award funds, including any student-facing resources or advising practices developed or updated as a result of the award (date to be determined in award agreement).

#### **Senior Leader**

*This application requires sign-off by a campus senior leader such as a President, Provost, or Chancellor. If awarded, ASN staff will contact both the application lead and the named senior leader.*

#### **2. Application Lead's Name**

*The person overseeing this application process.*

#### **3. Application Lead's Title**

*The institutional title of the person overseeing this application process.*

#### **4. Application Lead's Email Address**

*The email of the person overseeing this application process.*

#### **5. Senior Leader's Contact Information: Name and Email**

*This application requires sign-off by a campus senior leader such as a President, Provost, or Chancellor. If awarded, ASN staff will contact both the application lead and the named senior leader.*

**6. Advising Success Network's definition of advising includes academic, career, and financial advising and coaching provided by primary-role and/or faculty advisors. Please provide an**



**overview of your institution's overall approach to student advising. You may include information about the holistic nature of your approach and student support resources and strategies.**

Strong responses will highlight advisor-to-student caseloads, advising model(s), pedagogies, structure, and approaches, cross-campus collaboration, and institutional resourcing for advising. *Please limit your response to no more than 750 words.*

**7. ASN defines high-quality advising as sustained, strategic, integrated, personalized, and proactive ([SSIPP](#)). Please describe how your institution's advising approach reflects these elements.** Where possible, provide specific examples of how these components are operationalized in your advising model, structures, and practices. *Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.*

**8. Please describe a specific advising redesign initiative or project your institution has undertaken, including how students were involved in shaping and testing that initiative prior to full implementation.**

In your response, please address:

- The process used to identify students and to invite student feedback
- The ways in which student input influenced design decisions
- Whether and how the initiative was piloted, tested, or refined based on student feedback before broader rollout

*Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.*

**9. ASN values meaningful student engagement and positions students as active collaborators and problem-solvers within their institutions. How does your institution incorporate student voices and feedback into decision-making to improve holistic advising processes, policies, and programs?** In addition to what you have shared above, please describe examples of general student and staff collaboration, as well as the strategies and structures that support student feedback and engagement in institutional change activities. *Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.*

**10. Please describe the evidence your institution uses to understand whether its advising practices are effective for your unique student populations including Black, Latinx/a/o, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, first-generation, poverty-affected, and other students.**



Data sources may include national survey results, institutional survey results, advisory boards, focus groups, student governance bodies, advising assessments, student interviews, or other feedback mechanisms. *Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.*

**11. Please describe any changes to advising practices the institution has made as a result of student feedback.** *Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.*

**12. The ASN believes each student's higher education experience should start with identifying their individual personal, academic, and career goals. Please describe how your institution provides support for students to define these goals at the start of their advising experience. What are some of the data-informed sources and examples to support your approach?** *Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.*

**13. If awarded, how will Student Choice Award funds be used to support your holistic advising efforts?** *Please limit your response to no more than 500 words.*