

Proposal to Create a Chess Sponsors Award

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What: Award cash and other prizes to scholastic chess clubs in the San Antonio area for their achievements in bringing competitive chess to children.

Purpose: Encouragement and incentives for those organizational volunteers who promote the scholastic chess programs being run in the San Antonio area.

Why: The San Antonio Chess Club has benefited from past scholastic chess organizations in numerous ways, including membership and tournament participation. This also helps the clubs image with the city.

How: This is a multi-step effort.

1. Create an account managed by the San Antonio Chess Club treasurer to receive and hold donations.
2. Use the web site and newsletter to advertise for nominations and solicit donations.
3. Designate one tournament as a fund raising vehicle – J. P. Hyltin has volunteered to direct the tournament at no charge.
4. Determine criteria for awarding the prizes.
5. Make the award in January 2010.

Details: We should be able to raise enough money to make five awards of \$150 each. Additional prizes could be three blocks of two group chess lessons each.

This award will be our way of recognizing the efforts of some visionary educators and parent volunteers who facilitate in many ways the opportunities for area scholastic players to compete. We have many imaginative volunteers who recognize the value of chess for the children they work with. They give up extraordinary amounts of time and have to navigate significant bureaucracies and challenges. These are people that need to know we appreciate their efforts and want to encourage them to continue.

Additionally, we can make them aware that the San Antonio Chess Club is a resource for information about chess events, and let them know of opportunities for their more successful students to improve their game and compete for the numerous scholarships being offered in Texas and around the US.