

MSMUN 2022 Position Paper Submission Guide

Step 1: Find your assignment

- Check with your advisor as to which Country & Committee you have been assigned
- If you are an independent, check the email with which you were registered for your Country & Committee assignment*
- When you find your Country & Committee assignment, double-check which Committee you are in.

Step 2: Find your Topic Guide

- Once you have found your Country & Committee assignment, go to the MSMUN 2022 dedicated student resources page, msmun2022.weebly.com
- Navigate to the “[DELEGATE RESOURCES](#)” tab and click on the image of your committee
- Read your committee’s topic guide thoroughly, and do some additional research using the resources on the document provided

Step 3: Writing your Position Paper

- When you feel you have a good understanding of the topic and your country’s policies, you can start writing your position paper
- Your position paper should be 4 paragraphs
 - 1: Introduction
 - What is your country’s policy on this topic?
 - Why is it important for your country to focus on this topic?
 - How does this topic impact your country?
 - 2: International Actions on the Topic
 - What are some of the persisting problems of this topic?
 - How should global leaders be addressing these problems?

- 3: National Actions
 - What is your country doing to address this topic?
 - What can your country do more of?
 - *For added effect, are there any useful quotes from government leaders in your country about the topic?*
 - 4: Recommendations for Action
 - What are some policies government leaders could enact to support the achievement of your country's goal?
 - What are some actions individual community members can take?
 - You should finish with a clear statement of what your country hopes to achieve at this conference.
- Your writing style should be similar to how you would speak, using parliamentary procedure.
- You should use formal language, you should not use “I”, “my”, “me”, or other first person pronouns.
- You should remember that you are representing your country's policies, even if you personally disagree with them. Only position papers that accurately represent their country's policies will be considered for Best Position Paper.

Step 4: Submitting your position paper

- When you have completed your position paper, and checked it with your advisor (*if you're required to do so*), you are ready to submit!
- Go to the dedicated MSMUN student resources website, msmun2022.weebly.com, and navigate to the “POSITION PAPERS” tab
- Fill out the Google Form, double-checking that you have the correct committee and letter
- Submit your position paper as either a .pdf, .doc(x), or a Google Doc
- Your chairs will review your submission before the conference
- The winner of Best Position Paper will be announced at the Closing Ceremonies of MSMUN 2022

If you have any questions, or issues with your submission, please contact Victoria at victoria.livingston@unagb.org with your name and school

What are we grading the papers on?

There are five main criteria we use for grading your position papers.

1) Is the Country, Committee, School, and Delegate Name clearly listed at the top of the actual position paper document?

- Our chairs are grading upwards of 100 position papers, sometimes 200+. There can be different schools representing different countries in different committees, so if it is not clear exactly what student wrote what paper, we may have to deem the paper *ineligible* for an award.

2) Formatting/Organization

- We want to see that the position paper has the correct name, school, country, and committee, and document title. The heading is correctly formatted, and each section contains the relevant information. The paper is written in third person (eg. “Canada believes,” or “we believe”).

3) Topic Knowledge

- We want to see that you demonstrate a thorough and accurate understanding of the topic. It is clear that the delegates understand why the topic is a problem of global importance and are able to identify and describe key aspects of the problem.

4) Country Knowledge

- We want to see that you demonstrate a thorough and accurate understanding of their country. Delegates are able to explain how the topic affects their country and what, if any, actions their country has taken within its borders or at an international level.

5) Solutions

- We want to see that your proposed solutions are creative and feasible. They are within the powers of the UN (remember, the UN cannot violate any country’s national sovereignty), and presented from the position of the country.

Meeting all of these criteria should put your position paper in consideration for an award. However, a delegate who simply *meets* the criteria may not be the ultimate award winner. We are looking for delegates who exceed these criteria, to set themselves apart from the rest of the committee. Good luck!