

MMSac Youth Outreach Program 2026

"Connecting our Marathi youth with opportunities and mentors"

MMSAC Awards Celebrating Youth Excellence

MMSac launched a new initiative — the MMSAC Awards Program in 2025 to recognize outstanding achievements among our youth.

MMSac presented four \$200 awards for high school students and four \$100 awards for middle school students in the following categories:

- 1) Academic Excellence
- **2** Explorer Award
- Social Leader Award
 Arts & Creativity Award

Extra credit is given for MMSac volunteer work. This program is designed to encourage leadership, creativity, and community service in the next generation — the future of our Marathi community.

MMSac Mentorship Program

MMSac mentors will play a key, guiding role in professional development of our youth.

- Volunteer 4 hours per year to mentor MMSac youth.
- Share your area of expertise and experience.
- Specify the type of youth you wish to mentor:
 - High school students
 - College students
 - Early-career professionals
- Together, let's build a stronger future for our community.
- Mentor's Roles:
 - 1. Guidance and Career Advice
 - 2. Recommend resources
 - 3. Networking Support

Internship and Job Opportunities

We are appealing to all MMSac members to get involved and help our youth by sharing the opportunities they are aware of.

- Share job postings from your company or organizations you are associated with.
- Submit the request for posting on the MMSac website.
- Let us know if applicants can use your name as a reference.
- Clearly identify the opportunity type:
 - Summer Internship
 - Entry-level job for college graduates
 - Position for experienced professionals

MMSac Youth Volunteering

We encourage youth to volunteer for MMSac. We will recognize their effort and provide them a certificate of appreciation at the end of the year. Here are a few benefits for volunteering

- Build Real-World Skills
 - Volunteering helps youth develop leadership, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills that employers and colleges truly value.
- Explore Interests and Careers
 - By volunteering, young people can discover what they enjoy (and what they don't), which helps guide their education and career choices.
- Strengthen College & Job Applications
 - Community service shows initiative, compassion, and commitment traits that stand out on college essays, resumes, and scholarship applications.
- Connect with Mentors & Networks
 - Volunteering opens doors to meet professionals and mentors who can offer valuable advice, opportunities, and encouragement.
- Give Back to the Community
 - It fosters empathy and gratifude by making youth aware of real-world challenges you can make a difference, and create leaders to lead our community programs in the future.
- Build Confidence & Purpose
 - When youth see the positive impact they can create, it boosts self-esteem, optimism, and a sense of belonging.
- Preserve and Promote Marathi and Indian Culture
 - For MMSac youth, volunteering keeps Marathi culture vibrant and relevant passing on traditions while engaging with the wider community.

Appeal to MMSac Members

- Get involved and get your kids involved
- Sign up as a mentor
- Nurture our kids and enrich our community
- Sponsor a MMSAC scholarship/award