

LakeMUN Position Paper Guidelines

NOTE: Position papers are required for delegates wishing to be considered for awards. Please submit a PDF version of your position paper by **Friday, April 2nd, 11:59PM** to the link specified below in the "Submissions" section.

Standard Committees

The goal of a position paper to convey a country's policy on a specific topic to the rest of the committee.

Papers should generally be 1-2 pages in length. Citation of sources is encouraged but not required. If a delegate chooses to create a Works Cited page, please include as an additional page.

What should a position paper contain?

1. Topic Background
2. Past International Action
3. Country Policy and Solutions (50%)

Topic Background

1. What is the problem? Where does it take place?
2. How or what is causing the problem? How did this become a problem?
3. How many people does the problem impact? What is the cost of the problem?

Past International Action

1. What resolutions and treaties have been passed on your topic? What international programs address your topic?
2. What has your committee done about the problem? What was its impact?
3. What have other organizations done about the problem? What has been their impact?

Country Policy and Possible Solutions

1. What is your country's policy on the topic? What has your country done in the past about the topic?
2. Who are your allies in this topic? Who are the countries you cannot work with on this topic?
3. What are your proposed solutions for the topic?

Crisis Committee

The goal of a position paper to convey a delegate's motivations and goals in the specific situation. For Crisis, it is important to expand off of the information provided in the background guide, include information about your assigned position, and explain your plans for the debate (resolutions, military action, diplomacy, etc).

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Submissions

For delegates wishing to be considered for awards, please submit a PDF version of your position paper to this form by 11:59PM on Friday, April 2nd. Please title your position paper document following this format: "CommitteeName_CountryName.pdf" (e.g. "ITU_UnitedStates.pdf")

Turn in using this form, which can also be found on the Committees page on the LakeMUN website: <https://forms.gle/PqkQ859p8W3tcHJw6>