



Exercise #2: Country Music Awards

Your Group's Task:

Earlier in today's meeting you developed a playlist of three songs to represent recommended state strategies and actions in youth development. Now it's time to think about the "stars" in Tennessee that are already doing good work in this field and might serve as models for others. Each group's task is to identify three Tennessee programs or initiatives that they think are most deserving of a "Country Music Award" for their exemplary efforts in youth development and/or engagement.

Instructions:

Your group has been charged with presenting "Country Music Awards" to three programs or initiatives in Tennessee, one in each of the following categories:

- Lifetime Achievement Award: a program that has a track record of success in youth development/engagement
- Best New Artist: an innovative program that shows promise but is not yet well established. This might be a program that has only recently been launched, or a program that has been underway for some time but on a very small scale, such as in a single school or community
- Best Ensemble Performance: a program or initiative that involves collaboration between multiple organizations

Each group should write the three programs they have chosen to receive their awards on their flip chart and select a spokesperson to present and explain them to the full group.