

McMUN 2019 Position Paper Guidelines

Welcome to McMUN 2019! As the conference approaches, a successful and enjoyable weekend at McMUN will depend on how well-prepared you are to contribute to substantive debate and solutions. Thus, all delegates that are taking part in General Assembly or Specialized Agency committees are required to submit a paper detailing their position on the topics provided.

In order to be eligible for an award, you must submit a position paper to your committee's email by January 21st, 11:59pm. Emails can be found on the website on each committee page. If you have any questions about position papers please email committees@mcmun.org.

**Please note that delegates in ECOFIN will be writing a strategy paper with different guidelines. Kindly see <https://www.mcmun.org/ecofin/> for strategy paper instructions. Additionally, position papers are not required for McMUN Consulting.

Here below are some guidelines to get your research and writing started!

Formatting Guidelines

The following formatting guidelines are implemented for position papers accepted by McMUN 2019. Make sure to follow them closely:

1. The document must be written single spaced, using Times New Roman and 12 point font.
2. Given the level of the conference, we expect thorough research behind your position papers. Therefore citations in the Chicago Manual of Style 16th edition should be used.
3. The upper left-hand corner of every topic should identify:
 - a. The country or character position
 - b. Committee
 - c. Topic

Content Guidelines

1. The length of the position paper will depend on the number of topics that have been assigned, but we expect approximately one page per topic. For example, if there are three topics, delegates should submit three pages, but if there are two topics, then delegates can submit a two-page position paper.
2. If you have been assigned a Character position, as in the case of a Specialized Agency committee, make sure your position paper is written in the first person.
3. The paper should introduce the topic in context of your country or character, and it should provide an overview for the how the policy issue has developed. Delegates should provide feasible policy solutions and

proposals for solving the problems at hand; these solutions ideally are applicable to committee-wide concerns, but still align with your country or character's position. Ultimately, delegates can structure this information in a way they see fit. However, we recommend the following structure:

- a. A short introduction to the topic in the context of your country or character.
- b. Policy content that addresses historical or current developments in the country's policy for the proposed topic: how it has evolved, what direction has been taken to address the issues, or otherwise what has not been feasible and why.
- c. Policy suggestions and solutions that the delegate views as realistic and feasible for the topic and which are applicable to committee-wide concerns but also remain in line with the country or character's position.

Please note that diverging from your country's real position will be taken into consideration during the awards selection process, so research should be as thorough as it would be for any academic paper. Accurate and official government databases are encouraged and should be prioritized while doing research.

