

2016-2017 STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Division of Student Affairs
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on being nominated for the Outstanding Student Leadership Award. This award is given to students who have made notable contributions toward the development of leadership qualities in their fellow students. The award recognizes students who have exhibited leadership in academic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. In order to be considered, return your completed application by email to Tonda Humphress via email at thumphress1@unl.edu or as one packet via mail to **106 CANFIELD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, Lincoln NE 68588-0423 by 5:00 pm on January 18, 2017**.

Application materials to be submitted:

_____ Résumé
_____ Response to Two Essay Questions
(one page response to each essay question)

_____ Reference Letter from Fellow UNL Student,
Faculty or Staff Member
_____ Demographic Data Form

Description of application materials:

- *Résumé.* The résumé is to be no longer than one page and should describe your academic background, honors and awards, involvement, and experience. Be sure to include campus involvement that is particularly significant in developing and enhancing your leadership skills. (A sample Academic Résumé can be found at <http://careers.unl.edu/resumes> or you may contact UNL Career Services: <http://careers.unl.edu/appointments>.)

Response to Two Essay Questions. Please answer each essay question on a separate page, maximum of a one-page typed response per question using single spacing and a font size no smaller than 12 point. Answer the questions on the pages provided in this packet. In the essays, be specific and give examples to help the committee better understand your leadership experiences and their impact on other students and UNL. Emphasis is typically placed on the essays for the selection process.

- Essay Question One: What impact do you believe your leadership has had on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln? *The committee will be looking for quality impact as well as breadth of involvement.
- Essay Question Two: Describe a relationship or interaction with a student or group of students at the collegiate level in which you exhibited a positive influence on the outcome and what did you learn from this experience.

Reference Letter from Fellow UNL Student, Faculty or Staff Member. Submit a signed reference letter from a fellow student, faculty member or staff member. This reference should address how you impacted his or her leadership qualities and should be no longer than one page. **When selecting someone to write your letter of reference, please remember to look for someone who can best speak to these qualities and can express how you have impacted leadership on campus.**

Demographic Data Form. This document helps the Division of Student Affairs retain a record of the characteristics of students who apply for this award. Only the Award chairs and Student Affairs office will see this individual information. (Please do not include information on this form in your résumé.)

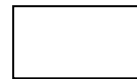
Application Review

Your application will be anonymously reviewed by a committee consisting of student affairs professionals, faculty, previous award recipients, student affairs graduate assistants, and a representative from the UNL Parents Association. The committee criteria includes a consideration of notable contributions toward the development of leadership qualities in other students, impact of your leadership on UNL, knowledge you gained through your leadership experience, and your demonstration of sustained progression of leadership. In addition, by applying for this award, you authorize the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs professionals to review any records held in the Dean of Students Office. A violation of the UNL Student Code of Conduct may prevent an applicant from being considered for this award.

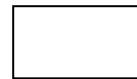
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REFERENCE LETTER FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD



Nominee, please give this form to your selected reference writer:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCE WRITER

- At the top left of your letter, please write “Reference Letter for _____” and include the student’s name. **Please do not use the student’s name anywhere else in the letter.** This is necessary for reviewing purposes. (You may use pronouns in place of the name.)
- Please be aware that the quality and content of your letter will be considered and reflected in the student's scoring for this award.
- The letter needs to clearly express how the student has impacted leadership on campus.
- Please include your name and contact information after your signature.
- The letter should be limited to one page.
- **Please return the signed letter to the student to be submitted with the application.**

NOTE: The reference letter should not come from an Outstanding Student Leadership Award Selection Committee Member.

Description of Award

The above named student is an applicant for the Outstanding Student Leadership Award given to eligible students who have made notable contributions toward the development of leadership qualities in their fellow students. The award recognizes students who have exhibited leadership in academic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. The award selection committee is interested in your honest appraisal of the applicant’s leadership skills and contribution to campus life and community.

Please answer the following questions, if applicable, in the text of your reference letter:

- How long and in what context have you known this applicant?
- How has this student demonstrated a capacity to develop leadership qualities in fellow students?
- How has this student personally influenced your own leadership qualities?

Please understand that your reference letter will count as 15% of the total score for the student.



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DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FORM (for statistical purposes only)

This document helps the Division of Student Affairs obtain a record of the characteristics of students who are recognized for this award. Only the Award Chairs and Student Affairs Office will see this individual information.

NAME: _____ NU ID #: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____
Street Address *Apt. Number/Box Number, etc.*

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ LOCAL/CELL PHONE: _____

Date Started at UNL: _____ Tentative Graduation Date: _____
Month/Year *Month/Year*

COLLEGE: _____ MAJOR(S): _____ MINOR(S): _____

OTHER INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED: _____

Number of credit hours completed at the end of the current semester: _____

NOTICE: If using an additional sheet for the following questions, please clearly label at the top; this information is not included as part of your application materials and needs to be clearly marked:
"DEMOGRAPHIC DATA (Continued)"

1. Leadership or active membership in Recognized Student Organization (RSO) (please list):

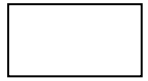
2. Scholarships received (please list):

3. Participation in Community Service Programs (please list):

4. Service on Campus or College Advisory Board(s) (please list):

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Please provide the names of your parents and their contact information (mailing address and phone number) so that we may invite them to the Outstanding Student Leadership Award Dinner in the event that you are selected as a semifinalist for this award.

Press releases usually list each person's hometown, therefore, our communications office requests that you please list your **hometown city, state and zip code** for the press release should it be needed.