**2008-2009 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 February 4, 2009**

Application materials to be submitted:

- _____ Résumé
- _____ Response to Two Essay Questions (*one page response to each essay question*)
- _____ Reference Letter from Fellow UNL Student
- _____ Reference Letter from a UNL Faculty or Staff Member
- _____ Demographic Data Form

Description of application materials:

Résumé. The résumé is to be no longer than two pages 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.

Response to Two Essay Questions. Please answer each essay question on a separate page, maximum of a one-page response per question using 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.

- Essay Question One: What impact do you believe your leadership has had on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln?
- Essay Question Two: What have you learned about leadership through your own experiences?

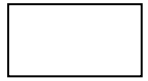
Reference Letter from Fellow UNL Student. Submit a signed reference letter from a fellow student. This reference should address how you impacted his or her leadership qualities and should be no longer than one page.

Reference Letter from UNL Faculty or Staff Member. Submit a signed reference letter from a UNL faculty or staff member. This reference should address how you demonstrated leadership qualities and should be no longer than one page.

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.

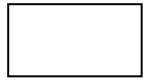
Application Review

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.



Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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- *PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR LETTER OF REFERENCE.*
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–OR–
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Description of Award

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Please answer the following questions 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?

NOTE: 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.



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DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FORM (for statistical purposes only)

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NAME: _____ NU ID #: _____

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

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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

DATES OF ATTENDANCE: _____ to _____
Year Year

COLLEGE: _____ MAJOR: _____ MINOR: _____

OTHER INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED: _____

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

Expected month and year of graduation: _____

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):

✓Please indicate your membership in the following:

	Yes	No
Chancellor's Leadership Class	_____	_____
Emerging Leader's Class	_____	_____
Pepsi Service Scholars	_____	_____
University Honors Program	_____	_____
Fraternity/Sorority	_____	_____

✓Selected for membership in the following Honor Societies:

	Yes	No
Innocents	_____	_____
Mortar Board	_____	_____
Golden Key National	_____	_____
Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)	_____	_____
Melvin Jones Scholars	_____	_____
EN Thompson Scholars	_____	_____
Summer Institute for Promising Scholars (SIPS)	_____	_____
Other (please list below):	_____	_____

✓Please indicate your involvement in the following:

Active in Student Government	_____	_____
New Student Enrollment Leader	_____	_____

To the best of my knowledge the information stated above is an accurate account of my experiences at UNL. I grant permission to the Division of Student Affairs to verify my Grade Point Average and disciplinary status and to share this form with the Student Leadership Award Selection Committee. I also give permission for the information reported on this form to be utilized for news releases related to the Student Leadership Award.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____