

Student Life and Leadership Awards

The Student Life and Leadership Awards

program was established to honor students, student organizations, and University professionals who support the intellectual, professional, personal, social, and cultural needs of the community. Specifically, we seek to honor those persons and groups who successfully facilitate the following tasks within the community:

- Integrate the pursuit of knowledge with the realistic and practical needs of the community.
- Advocate for full participation by all as equal partners in the community of scholars.
- Create opportunities for student learning beyond the classroom.
- Implement services which maintain, foster, and enhance the quality of campus life.
- Develop activities for students to evaluate, access, and effectively implement career/life plans and goals.
- Enhance students' worth and dignity.
- Recognize the uniqueness of students.

We get relatively few opportunities to formally thank and recognize significant contributors to students' lives. The Student Life and Leadership Awards program provides one such opportunity.

Review the categories and criteria within this brochure and nominate an individual or group for one or more awards. Nominations will be reviewed according to the guidelines within each award.

Submit nomination materials by April 9, 2009 to University Center Rm. 202, MS 1200 or visit <http://www.semo.edu/leadership/awards/index.htm> to submit nominations electronically.

Categories and Criteria

Note: All student candidates must be in good academic and judicial standing with the University.

Please indicate the name of the award on both the nomination form and the letter of recommendation (if required).

President's Spirit of Southeast Award

- Awarded to one or more students
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Minimum of 90 hours completed
- Demonstrates leadership involvement both on and off campus
- Requires a letter of nomination from a student or a member of the faculty or staff
- Selected by the University President

Provost Award

- Awarded to one undergraduate from each college or school
- Awarded to one graduate student nominated by Dean of Graduate Studies
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Nominated by a college or school with nomination approved by Dean
- Nomination should be submitted directly to the appropriate Dean for approval
- Dean will submit approved nomination to Student Life and Leadership Awards Committee
- Selected by the Provost with college or school recommendations

Categories and Criteria

Experiential Learning Award

- Awarded to an undergraduate student or group of undergraduate students from each college or school who successfully participate in a learning experience that best exemplifies the experiential learning goals at Southeast
- Awarded to a graduate student or group of graduate students nominated by Dean of Graduate Studies who successfully participate in a learning experience that best exemplifies the experiential learning goals at Southeast
- The learning experience may include, but is not limited to, internships (credit or non-credit), discipline-related service learning projects, research projects that result in professional journal publications, and/or presentations at professional conferences
- Nomination should be submitted directly to the appropriate Dean for approval
- Selected by the college or school based upon criteria defined by the Chairpersons and Dean
- Dean will submit selected recipient to the Dean of Students
- Award recipients will be featured on the Southeast Wall of Fame in Academic Hall

University Contributor Award

- Awarded to one or two students, one faculty member and one staff member
- Minimum 2.5 GPA (students)
- Recognizes students, faculty and staff who have contributed significantly to the University, although recipient may not hold a formal leadership position
- Requires a letter of nomination from a student or a member of the faculty or staff
- Selected by representatives of the Student Life and Leadership Awards Committee

Categories and Criteria

First Year Student Award

- Awarded to one or two students with a minimum 2.75 GPA, who have completed 30 credit hours or less
- Recognizes exemplary leadership by a first year student
- Requires a letter of nomination from a student or member of the faculty or staff
- Selected by the Director of Student Transitions and First-Year Experience

Outstanding Student Organization Award

- Awarded to one or two registered student organizations
- Recognizes registered student organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the University community
- Requires a letter of nomination from a student, advisor, or member of the faculty or staff
- Selected by representatives of the Student Life and Leadership Awards Committee

Outstanding Advisor Award

- Awarded to one or two volunteer advisors
- Must be a member of the faculty or staff, or a graduate assistant
- Requires a letter of nomination from a student or a member of the faculty or staff
- Shows a strong commitment to not only the student organization but to the development of student leaders
- Selected by representatives of the Student Life and Leadership Awards Committee

Categories and Criteria

Civic Engagement Award

- Awarded to one or more students, faculty, or staff who see both the moral and civic dimensions of public and social issues, claim an appropriate measure of personal responsibility for addressing these issues, and have worked to make a difference in the civic life of our community through both political and non-political processes
- Requires a letter of nomination describing the nominee's commitments and contributions written by a student or member of the faculty or staff
- Selected by representatives of the Student Life and Leadership Awards Committee

Student Life Achievement Recognition Award

- Awarded to a student, a member of the faculty and a member of the staff who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in building community at the University
- Requires a letter of nomination from a student or member of the faculty or staff
- Selected by representatives of the Student Life and Leadership Awards Committee

**If you have any questions,
call Campus Life at 651-2280**

Submit your nomination:
University Center, Room 202
MS 1200

or online at:

www.semo.edu/leadership/awards/index.htm



2009 Student Life and Leadership Awards

**Friday, May 1
5 p.m.
University Center
Ballroom**

Diversity

Unity

Building a Community

Experience Southeast...*Experience Success*

Nomination Form

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- President's Spirit of Southeast Award
- Provost Award
- University Contributor Award
- Experiential Learning Award
- First-Year Student Award
- Outstanding Student Organization Award
- Outstanding Advisor Award
- Civic Engagement Award
- Student Life Achievement Recognition Award

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Classification: (Check one)

- Student Faculty Staff

College, School or Department of Nominee:

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Nominator: _____

Phone: _____ Mail Stop _____

e-mail: _____

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