

SOAR

Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

January 2017

Dear Washburn Campus Community,

Student Activities & Greek Life is proud to present the annual Student Organization Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Awards program. The SOAR awards program continues to recognize students and advisors for their achievements on campus and in the community. This year's SOAR Awards reception will be held **April 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Washburn Room, Memorial Union.**

Please read the guidelines carefully to ensure your nomination is completed correctly. Please note we will only be accepting (1) one copy for each nomination. When appropriate, Student Activities & Greek Life strongly encourages you to work with the nominee to fill-out the application.

The following information describes the various awards that are eligible to student leaders, advisors, and registered student organizations. Everyone is invited to nominate individuals and organizations deserving of recognition. The deadline for nomination is **Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5:00pm.** All nominations are to be turned into Student Activities & Greek Life, Lower Level of the Union, or by email to **getalife@washburn.edu.**

Applications can be found on the Student Activities & Greek Life website at: **www.washburn.edu/getalife** or in the office.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions.

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Sincerely,

Jessica Neumann Barraclough
Director, Student Activities & Greek Life



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

**Outstanding Student
Organization Advisor Award**
Nomination Application

*The **Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award** will be presented to the faculty/staff advisor who has provided continuous support for his or her respective student organization.*

Name of Faculty/Staff Nominee: _____

Name of Student Organization(s) advised by Nominee: _____

Department: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Campus Address: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Guidelines:

1. Any individual, not recognized as the Advisor of the Year in the previous year, including all faculty and staff, that serves as an advisor for a Washburn registered student organization is eligible for nomination. Nominees must be an advisor during the 2016-17 academic year.
2. Nomination letter must be typed and be **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
3. Nomination may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight of the individual's contributions and qualifications.
4. **All nomination materials must be bound together with a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
5. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
6. Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Availability to students
 - b. Commitment to organization/institution
 - c. Methods of leadership development/training
 - d. Resource & support skills
 - e. Support of student endeavors
 - f. Membership recruitment
 - g. Organization GPA
 - h. Program Development
7. Nomination letter should address the following:
 - a. Describe the nominee's involvement and support of the organization.
 - b. Describe methods nominee uses to train leaders and/or members.
 - c. What outstanding qualities does this person exhibit as an organizational advisor.
 - d. Why the nominee is most deserving of this award.



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Emerging Leader Award

Nomination Application

*The **Emerging Leader Awards** will be presented to a **freshman and transfer student** who have demonstrated knowledge, enthusiasm, and motivation for campus and community involvement and leadership.*

Category (circle one): Freshman Transfer Student

Name of Student Nominee: _____

WU ID _____ Campus Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Number of Hours Completed: _____ Hometown: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Campus Address: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Guidelines:

1. All full-time undergraduate freshmen or transfer students who transferred for the summer or fall of the 2016-17 academic year, **who carry a minimum of 12 hours, cumulative GPA 2.75 or better and who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.**
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff, or student) or by a registered student organization.
3. A nomination letter must be submitted along with this nomination application. The nomination letter must be typed and **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight of the individual's contributions and qualifications.
5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
 - a. Student involvement and leadership position(s)
 - b. Academic achievement
 - c. Impact on Washburn University and community
 - d. Future goals for furthering leadership and involvement
 - e. List any honors the student may have received
 - f. Why the nominee is the most qualified to receive this award



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards
New Student Organization of the Year
Nomination Application

*The **New Student Organization of the Year Award** recognizes the new student organization that has made exceptional contributions to its members and the greater Washburn University community in their first year of registration.*

Name of Organization for Nomination: _____

Number of Total Members: _____ Frequency of Organization's Meetings: _____

What campus populations does this organization serve: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ Nominator's Campus Address: _____

Guidelines:

1. All student organizations registered for the first time within the 2016-2017 academic year with Student Activities & Greek Life shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student group.
3. Nomination letters must be typed and **no longer than four (4) pages** in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials for selection committee to use to better understand organization's purpose and activities.
5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
 - a. Contributions to the Washburn community
 - b. Describe the organization's mission/purpose statement
 - c. Congruence between organization's mission and purpose with the organization's activities
 - d. Describe the effect the organization has had on the Washburn community and their greatest campus contribution during the past year.
 - e. Describe the organization's method of training officers/members.
 - f. Describe organization's plan for recruitment and retention of members and specify membership requirements.
 - g. Describe organization's goals for **2016-2017** and how you reached those goals.
 - h. Why this organization is qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other organizations.

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Student Organization of the Year

Nomination Application

*The **Student Organization of the Year Award** recognizes the student organization that has made exceptional contributions to their members and the greater Washburn University community.*

Name of Organization for Nomination: _____

Number of Total Members: _____ Frequency of Organization's Meetings: _____

What campus populations does this organization serve: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ Nominator's Campus Address: _____

Guidelines:

1. All student organizations registered with Student Activities & Greek Life shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization.
3. Nomination letters must be typed and **no longer than four (4) pages** in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials for selection committee to use to better understand organization's purpose and activities.
5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
 - a. Contributions to the Washburn community
 - b. Describe the organization's mission/purpose statement
 - c. Congruence between organization's mission and purpose with the organization's activities
 - d. Describe how the organization is involved on campus by participating in campus-wide events or hosting one's own events and how these activities/services help support the organization's mission/purpose.
 - e. Describe the effect the organization has had on the Washburn community and their greatest campus contribution during the past year.
 - f. Describe the organization's method of training officers/members.
 - g. Describe organization's plan for recruitment and retention of members and specify membership requirements.
 - h. Describe organization's goals for **2016-2017** and how you reached those goals.
 - i. Why this organization is qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other organizations.



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

True Blue Bod Spirit Award
Nomination Application

The True Blue Bod Spirit Award will be presented to the student who has contributed a great deal of time, energy, support and spirit to the organization, its members and Washburn University.

Name of Student Nominee: _____

WU ID: _____ Campus Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Nominee's Class: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Number of Hours Completed: _____ Hometown: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Campus Address: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Guidelines:

1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled in 12 or more hours) and graduate students (enrolled in 9 or more hours), **cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher and** who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization.
3. Nomination letter must be typed and be **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual's contributions and qualifications.
5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination form and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
 - a. List the student's involvement in campus activities/community service.
 - b. List any honors the student may have received.
 - c. What impact has the nominee had on Washburn and the community
 - d. What has the nominee specifically contributed to the organization and its members
 - e. What sets this member apart from other members of the organization



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

Commitment to Diversity Award
Nomination Application

The Commitment to Diversity Award is presented to one faculty, staff, or community member as well as, one Washburn Student who has shown commitment and support toward developing a culturally diverse, compassionate, and educated university community reflective of inclusive excellence.

Name of (Student, Faculty, Staff, or Community Member) Nominee: _____
WU ID (If Applicable): _____ Campus Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Major (If Applicable): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____
Nominee's Classification: Student Faculty Staff Community Member
Number of Hours Completed (If Applicable): _____ Hometown: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Nominator's Campus Address: _____
Nominator's Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Guidelines:

1. All faculty, staff, student, and community members that are supportive of diversity at Washburn University are eligible for nomination. Students must be a member of at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization and **have a minimum GPA 2.5 or higher.**
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization).
3. Nomination letter must be typed and be **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual's contributions and qualifications.
5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Nomination letter should address how the candidate supports the following judging criteria:
 - a. Incorporates diverse values in the office, classroom and/or program areas
 - b. Develops campus initiatives and/or programs to support diversity and inclusivity
 - c. Makes the classroom or programs accessible for and supportive of diverse learning styles
 - d. Displays a commitment to diverse cultures, religions, and abilities
 - e. Contributes to creating an open and accepting cross-cultural environment
 - f. Is a mentor and/or role model for underrepresented students
 - g. Why the nominee is most qualified to receive this award



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

Random Acts of Kindness Community Service Award
Nomination Application

The Random Acts of Kindness Community Service Award is presented to the student who has made purposeful and outstanding contributions in community service/philanthropy.

Name of Student Nominee: _____

WU ID: _____ Campus Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Nominee's Class: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Number of Hours Completed: _____ Hometown: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Campus Address: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Guidelines:

1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled 12 hours or more) and graduate students (enrolled 9 hours or more) **Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or Higher** and who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization.
2. Nomination letter must be typed and **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual's contributions and qualifications.
5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
 - a. Community service and volunteer contributions (personal, campus and community level) including a list of community service/philanthropy activities and their impact
 - b. Current and on-going campus involvement
 - c. Current and past involvement in non-campus related organizations that stress charity, philanthropy, service and giving in the community
 - d. Leadership positions held (current and past)
 - e. List any honors the student may have received
 - f. Why the nominee is the most qualified to receive this award



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

President's Outstanding Leader Award
Nomination Application

*The **President's Outstanding Leader Award** will be presented to a student that shows exceptional commitment to academic achievement, community service, campus involvement and leadership.*

Name of Student Nominee: _____
WU ID: _____ Campus Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Major: _____ Cumulative GPA is 3.0: _____ Fall 2016 semester GPA: _____
Nominee's Class: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate
Number of Hours Completed: _____ Hometown: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Nominator's Campus Address: _____
Nominator's Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Guidelines:

1. All full-time undergraduate students (enrolled 12 hours or more) and graduate students (enrolled 9 or more hours) **Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher** and who hold membership in at least one Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization. **One** nomination is allowed per nominator for this award.
3. Nomination letter must be typed and be **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nominations may also be accompanied by supporting materials (e.g., resume, letters of recommendation, etc.) for selection committee to gain better insight into the individual's contributions and qualifications.
5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to the Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
 - a. Describe the activities and organizations (past and current) the nominee has been involved with as a Washburn student that qualifies him/her for this award. Include leadership positions
 - b. Describe how the nominee's participation in campus activities has impacted the Washburn community
 - c. Describe the ways in which the nominee's involvement has contributed to his/her personal growth and collegiate experience
 - d. Identify the nominee's collegiate scholastic honors and achievements (include honor rolls, honor societies, scholarships and awards) past and current
 - e. Why the nominee is the most qualified to receive this award



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

Outstanding Program(s) of the Year
Nomination Application (page 1)

Name of Program for Nomination: _____

Category (Please check one):

- Community Service Diversity
- Education Campus Enhancement

Name of Sponsoring Organization(s) for Nomination: _____

Student(s) Coordinating Program: Name	Position (if applicable)	Email

of People Served by the Program: _____ Populations Served by the Program: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ Nominator's Campus Address: _____

Guidelines:

1. Programs presented by any Student Activities & Greek Life registered student organization shall be eligible for nomination. Registered student organizations can nominate programs in the four separate categories as follows:

Community Service – organizing, participating in, or developing a program to perform volunteer work for your community that improves the quality of life

Campus Enhancement – a program designed to improve students' WU experience, raise school spirit, or promote the image and assets of Washburn

Diversity – a program designed to promote awareness or understanding of race, ethnicity, gender, economic status, language, religion, ability, age, or sexual orientation

Education – a program tending or intending to educate, instruct, or inform

Co-sponsored events shall be eligible for consideration as long as all sponsoring parties are registered student organizations.

2. Nominations may be submitted by an individual (faculty, staff or student) or by a registered student organization.

3. Nominations must be typed and be **no longer than four (4) pages** in length.

4. Nomination letter may also be accompanied by supporting materials (promotion, goals, attendance/service reports, etc.) for selection committee to use to better understand program's purpose and scope.

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Outstanding Program(s) of the Year
Nomination Application (page 2)

5. **All nomination materials must be bound together by a paperclip.** This includes nomination application, nomination letter and supporting materials.
6. **One (1) copy** of the nomination application, nomination letter and any supporting materials must be submitted to Student Activities & Greek Life by **5:00pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
7. Selection committee will judge nominations using the following criteria:
 - a. Appeal to the Washburn community
 - b. Contributions to the Washburn community
 - c. Contribution to the intended audience (i.e. community service, was it an effective contribution?)
 - d. Program creativity
 - e. Program goals
 - f. Promotion of program
 - g. Student involvement in program planning
8. Each organization may nominate up to two (2) programs per category. Programs must have taken place since **April 2016**
9. Nomination letter should address the following:
 - a. Describe the program's purpose and goals as well as whether or not the goals were met
 - b. Describe method of planning and implementing the program as well as identify what resources were used
 - c. Describe the format of the program/service
 - d. What factors contributed to the organization pursuing this program
 - e. What factors made this program successful
 - f. Describe method of promoting the program/service to the campus community
 - g. Assess the impact and contributions the program/service had on the Washburn community
 - h. Why the program/service is deserving of this award