

SOAR

Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

February 20, 2009

Dear Washburn Campus Community,

Student Activities & Greek Life is proud to present the Student Organization Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Awards program once again this year. The SOAR awards program is growing each year, and we see more students and advisors being recognized for their achievements on campus and in the community. The SOAR Awards reception will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Washburn Room.

If you have applied in the past, you will notice some slight changes in the nomination materials. Please read the guidelines carefully to ensure your nomination is completed correctly. One of the most notable changes is the number of copies required. We will only be accepting (1) one copy for each nomination.

The information to follow describes the various awards that are eligible to student leaders, advisors, and registered student organizations. Everyone is invited to nominate individuals and organizations which are deserving of recognition. The deadline for nomination is Friday, March 13, 2009 at 12:00 noon.

Additional applications can be emailed to you in a PDF format and are also available in Student Activities & Greek Life (Memorial Union Lower Level), Student Life (MO 104), Student Services (MO 150), Multicultural Affairs (MO110), and the Living Learning Center. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions.

We look forward to receiving many applications!

Sincerely,

Marsha Carrasco Cooper
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, 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 2008-09 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 into 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 **12:00 noon on Friday, March 13, 2009**.
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
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 is the nominee most deserving of this award?

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination letter as stated in the guidelines by **12:00 noon, Friday, March 13, 2009**.



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

Emerging Leader Nomination Application

The **Emerging Leader Awards** will be presented to a freshman and transfer student who has 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 is a 2.0 or Higher: _____

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 2008-09 academic year, who carry a minimum of 12 hours, 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 group. **Self-nomination is encouraged.**
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. Nomination 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 in 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 **12:00 noon on Friday, March 13, 2009.**
7. Nomination letter should address the following judging criteria:
 - a. Student involvement and leadership positions
 - 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 is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award?

This nomination form must be filled out and returned with the nomination letter as stated in the guidelines by **12:00 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2009.** Please submit one (1) copy.



Student Organization Achievement Recognition Awards

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 Membership: _____ 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 group.
3. Nomination letters must be typed and **no longer than four (4) pages** in length.
4. Nomination 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 **12:00 noon on Friday, March 13, 2009**.
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 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 the 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 2008-2009 and how you reached those goals.
 - i. Why is this organization qualified to receive this award and what sets it apart from other organizations?

This nomination application must be completed and returned with the nomination letter as stated in the guidelines by **12:00 noon, Friday, March 13, 2009**. Please submit one (1) copy.



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 is a 2.0 or Higher: _____

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) 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 group. **Self-nomination is encouraged.**
3. Nomination letter must be typed and be **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nomination 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 **12:00 noon on Friday, March 13, 2009.**
7. Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:
8. 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?

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by **12:00 noon, Friday, March 13, 2009.** Please submit one (1) copy.



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 is a 2.0 or Higher: _____

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 hours or more) and graduate students (enrolled in 9 hours or more) 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 group). **Self-nomination is encouraged.**
3. Nomination letter must be typed and be **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nomination 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 **12:00 noon on Friday, March 13, 2009.**
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.
 - e. Leadership positions held (current and past)
 - f. List any honors the student may have received.
 - g. Why is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award?

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by **12:00 noon, Friday, March 13, 2009.** Please submit one (1) copy.



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: _____ Fall 2008 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 in 12 hours or more) and graduate students enrolled in 9 or more hours) 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. **Self-nomination is encouraged.**
3. Nomination letter must be typed and be **no longer than three (3) pages** in length.
4. Nomination 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 **12:00 noon on Friday, March 13, 2009.**
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 is the nominee the most qualified to receive this award?

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by **12:00 noon, Friday, March 13, 2009.** Please submit one (1) copy.



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 three 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 WU

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 group.

3. Nomination 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 **12:00 noon on Friday, March 13, 2009**.
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, 2008.
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. Also 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 is the program/service deserving of this award?

This form must be completed and returned with the nomination as stated in the guidelines by **12:00 noon, Friday, March 13, 2009**. Please submit one (1) copy.