2012
Student Leadership Recognition
Award Application Packet

Deadline: Thursday, April 5, 2012 @ 5:00 PM

Office of Student Activities
Dear Student Leaders,

The Office of Student Activities staff recognizes that student organizations and individual student leaders contribute a great deal to the Texas A&M University - Kingsville community. The Student Leadership Recognition Awards Program is our way of formally recognizing you and your organization for your contributions. The reception will be held on April 25, 2012 (time and location to be announced at a later date).

Enclosed you will find the application packet for the Leadership Recognition Program 2012. This packet contains all of the information that you will need to become part of this annual event designed to honor outstanding students and student organizations at our University.

How to Place a Nomination:

There are several categories for which individual student leaders and student organizations may apply.

Any student can either nominate him/herself or another member of any organization. Advisors may also nominate one student/organization per category. The specific criteria for each award category are included in this packet. Your organization and its individual student leaders may be nominated for one or all of the applicable awards. Each application must consist of the enclosed nomination form as well as a one-page summary of the individual’s or organization’s accomplishments meeting the criteria for the award. Please feel free to photocopy the nomination form as often as you wish. Any student nominated for any individual award must be currently enrolled at Texas A & M University–Kingsville. A nominated person or student organization may invite four students to the program as guests. Four representatives and the advisor from all recognized student organizations will also be invited.

♦ If you want to nominate someone other than yourself, fill out the enclosed nomination form and give it to the nominee to complete the one-page summary. Then return the completed application (nomination form and summary) to the Student Activities Office.

♦ If you want to nominate yourself or your organization, fill out the enclosed nomination form and complete the one-page summary. Then return the completed application (nomination form and summary) to the Student Activities Office.

In describing activities, programs or events in the nomination criteria, the year will be defined as March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Activities Office at (361) 593-2760. Please encourage your organization advisor and representatives to attend. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to your presence at this event!
Important Dates and Deadlines:

♦ April 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.: Deadline for submitting completed applications and invitation lists to the Student Activities Office

♦ April 18, 2012: RSVP’s will be required from all invited guests

♦ Wednesday, April 25, 2012 (time and location to be announced at a later date): The Student Leadership Reception and Awards Program 2012
2012 Student Leadership Recognition Awards Nomination Form

Please attach this form to your one-page summary.
Each nomination must have its own individual forms and summaries.

Completed application deadline is: Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 5:00 pm

* Nominee Name: ____________________ K #________________________

Organization (if applicable): ________________________________________

Nominee’s Telephone: _________________________ E-mail:______________________

Nominee’s Local Address: __________________________________________

Nomination For (Check Only ONE Box):

**Student Awards Only**
*Outstanding Student Organization Member  ☐
*Outstanding Individual Leader  ☐
*Outstanding Greek Man/Woman  ☐
*Emerging Leader Scholarship  ☐

**Organization Awards Only**
Outstanding Community Service Project or Program  ☐
Excellence in Diversity Programming  ☐
Outstanding Academic Achievement  ☐
Outstanding Collaborative Effort  ☐
Program of the Year  ☐
Greek Chapter  ☐
Outstanding Student Organization  ☐

Both Student and Organization Award

Impact Award  ☐

Advisor Award Only
Outstanding Student Organization Advisor  ☐

* I recognize the importance of balancing academic achievement and co-curricular involvement. I give you my permission to check my academic and disciplinary record:

(Print Name) ____________________ (Signature) ____________________ (Date) ____________________

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Person Making the Nomination:

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Nominee Invitation List
Deadline is Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 5:00 pm, Student Activities Office 3rd floor

For submitting a nomination, you may also invite four guests to the Student Leadership Recognition Awards Dinner. This list should be included with your award application.

Nominee/Organization Name: ____________________________________________

Please invite the following four students to the Student Leadership Recognition Awards Reception on Wednesday April 25, 2012 (time and location to be announced at a later date).

1. Name:
   Mailing Address:

2. Name:
   Mailing Address:

3. Name:
   Mailing Address:

4. Name:
   Mailing Address:
Award Descriptions

1. Outstanding Student Organization Member Award (Student Award)

Awarded to a student who has not yet held a significant leadership position in a recognized student organization. This individual must demonstrate excellent leadership potential, commitment of time and energy to the organization, and positive impact on the achievement of organizational goals and the University community. The recipient will be awarded a $250 Presidential scholarship.

Selection Criteria:
♦ Describe the nominee’s involvement, commitment of time, and energy in the student organization
♦ Provide concrete examples of the impact this person has had on the organization’s success and on the University community
♦ Describe any personal growth the nominee has experienced through involvement in this organization

2. Outstanding Leader Award (Student Award)

Awarded to a junior, senior or graduate student who has displayed the highest level of outstanding leadership through his/her involvement at TAMUK. The recipient will be awarded a $1000 Presidential scholarship.

Selection Criteria:
♦ List the nominee’s co-curricular involvement while at TAMUK
♦ Describe the nominee’s motivational and leadership skills and abilities
♦ Detail the nominee’s perceptions of the qualities of a good leader
♦ Describe the nominee’s approach to empowering others, problem solving, risk taking and accomplishing goals
♦ Describe the nominee’s approach to balancing academic success with campus involvement
♦ Give specific examples of when the nominee has served as a role model for other students
♦ Describe the impact this leader has had on student organizations and the TAMUK community
3. **Outstanding Greek Man/Woman Award (Student Award)**

Awarded to a male and female student, currently a member of a recognized Greek organization, who has displayed the ability to be an excellent ambassador of the TAMUK Greek system. The recipient will be awarded a $250 Presidential scholarship.

**Selection Criteria:**
- List the nominee’s co-curricular involvement while at TAMUK
- Describe the nominee’s motivational and leadership skills and abilities
- Detail the nominee’s perceptions of the qualities of a good leader
- Describe the ways in which this nominee exemplifies the true values of the TAMUK Greek system
- Describe the nominee’s approach to balancing academic success with Greek involvement
- Give specific examples of when the nominee has served as a positive Greek system role model for other students
- Describe the impact this leader has had on the Greek system and the TAMUK community

4. **Emerging Leader Scholarship (Student Award)**

A scholarship of $200 for leadership development will be awarded to a student who has not yet held a leadership role in a student organization but will be serving in a significant leadership position in the coming year. The recipient will also be awarded a $250 Presidential scholarship.

**Selection Criteria:**
- List the nominee’s co-curricular involvement while at TAMUK
- Describe the nominee’s motivational and leadership skills and abilities
- Discuss how the nominee has grown through his/her co-curricular involvement while at Texas A&M University – Kingsville
- Describe the impact this leader will potentially have on the organization and the TAMUK community

5. **Outstanding Community Service Project or Program (Organization Award)**

Awarded to a student organization responsible for conducting an outstanding on-going community service program or one-time community service event on or off campus. This program, project or event may provide service to the University community and/or Kingsville community.

**Selection Criteria:**
- Describe the program or event, who participated and what impact the program had on the community and/or participants, also mention the budget, attendance, and outcomes of the program or event.
• Demonstrate how the program encompasses the organization’s missions and goals
• Describe how this program demonstrates the organization’s on-going commitment to the community and service
• Describe the organization’s characteristics such as growth, creativity, initiative and its accomplished results

6. Excellence in Diversity Programming (Organization Award)

Awarded to a student organization that has displayed exceptional educational awareness of cultural diversity through innovative programming that reflects the ever-changing demographics of our global society.

Selection Criteria:
• Demonstrate the organization’s commitment to diversity education
• Demonstrate how the programs encompass the organization’s mission and goals
• Provide details of the organization’s diversity programming, budget, attendance, and describe the short and long term impact on the TAMUK community and/or specific target populations.
• Describe the organization’s characteristics such as growth, creativity, initiative and its accomplished results

7. Outstanding Academic Achievement (Organization Award)

Awarded to a student organization demonstrating an understanding of the importance of balancing academic achievement and co-curricular involvement. This group must demonstrate that the mission of the organization can be accomplished without negatively impacting the academic success of its members.

Selection Criteria:
• Provide a list of all current members, including social security numbers. All members must give permission to have their academic record reviewed
• The organization’s average GPA will be used, not individual grades
• Identify the mission, purpose and goals of the organization
• Provide details of any programs, events, fundraisers, service projects or activities that were accomplished in the past year
• Describe the impact of the organization’s activities on the TAMUK community

8. Outstanding Collaborative Effort Award (Organization Award)

Awarded to student organizations that have demonstrated a commitment and effort toward working effectively with other students/organizations and have been successful in planning a collaborative event.

Selection Criteria:
• Describe the organizations’ efforts in working collaboratively and the role undertaken
• Elaborate on the value of programming collaboration
• Demonstrate the organizations’ programmatic impact on the TAMUK community
• Demonstrate how the event was successful and innovative
Provide details of the event including budget, source of funds, program content, attendance, promotion and publicity, and outcomes

9. Program of the Year (Organization Award)

Awarded to a student organization to recognize an outstanding programming effort. Programs for consideration must have occurred between March 1, 2011 and February 29, 2012.

Selection Criteria:
♦ Describe the purpose/goal of the program and how well it met an identified need on campus.
♦ Describe how the program related to the mission of the sponsoring student organization(s).
♦ Provide details of the event including: budget; source of funds; program content; attendance; promotion and publicity; and outcomes

10. Outstanding Greek Chapter Award (Organization Award)

Awarded to an officially recognized fraternity or sorority under the jurisdiction of a Greek Council that has demonstrated a commitment toward improving the quality of life at Texas A&M University-Kingsville through its events, programs, or services.

Selection Criteria:
♦ Demonstrate the chapter’s commitment to responding to the needs of students and the needs of the TAMUK community as a whole
♦ Detail any events, programs, or services that the chapter has sponsored or co-sponsored which have improved the quality of life (intellectual, social, recreational, cultural) at TAMUK
♦ Demonstrate the chapter’s commitment to providing programs that promote interaction among the many different subcultures, both Greek and non-Greek, of the TAMUK community
♦ Describe the chapter’s commitment to excellence in the fulfillment of its purpose and goals in terms of membership, academics, and service
♦ Provide an official membership list of the chapter

11. Outstanding Student Organization (Organization Award)

Awarded to an outstanding student organization which has demonstrated a commitment to excellence by improving the quality of life at Texas A&M University - Kingsville through its events, programs, or services.

Selection Criteria:
♦ Demonstrate the organization’s commitment to responding to the needs of students and the needs of the TAMUK community as a whole
♦ Detail any events, programs, or services that the organization has sponsored or co-sponsored which have improved the quality of life (intellectual, social, recreational, cultural, community service, campus spirit, and traditional) at TAMUK
♦ Demonstrate the organization’s commitment to providing programs that promote interaction among the many different subcultures and constituencies of the TAMUK community
♦ Describe the organization’s commitment to providing a broad range of programs: social, cultural, educational and recreational in nature
♦ Describe the organization’s participation in campus events, service projects, and leaderships
♦ Give examples of the organization’s commitment to the leadership development of its members.

12. Impact Award (Both Student and Organization Award)

Awarded to a student or student organization demonstrating a commitment to positive social change. This student or organization identified a problem, challenge, injustice or inequality (on or off campus) and implemented a plan to make a difference in solving or addressing this need or concern.

Selection Criteria:
♦ Identify the problem, challenge, injustice or inequality that was addressed
♦ Describe the plan that was developed and implemented
♦ Provide details of any programs, events, fundraisers or activities that were included in this effort
♦ Describe the impact of the nominee’s actions and the difference this effort has made on addressing this need or concern

13. Outstanding Student Organization Advisor (Advisor Award Only)

Awarded to the faculty/ staff member that best demonstrates an outstanding level of commitment to leadership and to the members and goals of the organization.

Selection Criteria:
♦ Describe the Advisor’s involvement with the community both on and off campus
♦ Give examples of how the Advisor has impacted on student life at Texas A&M University - Kingsville
♦ Give examples of how the Advisor’s involvement with the organization has improved the University
♦ Describe the Advisor’s commitment to impacting the students experience as a student
♦ Describe the Advisor’s commitment to work with the organization to coordinate activities to ensure that they are conducted in compliance with all municipal, state and student code of conduct and all University policies and procedures