



2009 Student Organization and Leader Awards Sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs

Application Instructions

The 2009 Student Organization and Leader Awards is a program to honor Austin Peay State University's finest student leaders and student organizations. This annual awards ceremony will be held April 22, 2009 at 6 pm. **Recognition comes after the nomination!**

Please carefully read the criteria for each award and submit your nomination by the deadline.

There are three categories of nominations: Individual Awards, Organization/Group Awards, and Program Awards.

I. Individual Awards

All nominees for individual awards must have no formal discipline record with the University and must be in good academic standing. These are in addition to the criteria associated with each individual award. Individual awards are by nomination. Nominations should relate directly to the criteria listed for each award to weight in consideration.

Distinguished Student Leader of the Year

These awards are presented to one student in each category who makes a positive impact on the University community through their leadership role AND specifically for their outstanding contribution in the area indicated. There are four areas of recognition, one student nominated per category per nomination. Categories are:

Celebration and Promotion of Diversity
Spiritual Development

Philanthropic/Community Service
Peer Mentor/Educator

Andrew L. "Drew" Simmons Intramural Leader Award

This award is presented to the top male and female intramural/recreation leader with a proven record of exemplary leadership in intramural sports. It is for student participants rather than student employees.

Governors Rising Leader Award

This award is presented to three students, one emerging freshman, one emerging sophomore, and one emerging junior for exhibiting exceptional leadership ability, contributions to campus life, university pride and showing potential for other leadership roles.

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Silent Inspiration

Presented to a student that puts his/her heart and soul into everything he/she does, consistently goes above and beyond, but often goes unrecognized.

Athlete Leader of the Year

This award recognizes one male and one female varsity athlete who has demonstrated a successful balance between academic achievement, student organization or Greek involvement and athletic participation. Other considerations include number of years of participation, any national or local awards, and records set.

Governors Pride Leadership Award

Presented to one male and one female senior or graduate student leader who has established a long term record of service and leadership in student organizations and campus activities.

Valor Award

Presented to students who have overcome great challenge and faced adverse situations while persisting in their academic life. *Submit written paragraph with nomination information. Preference to junior and senior students.

Greek Man and Greek Woman of the Year

Honors the overall top Greek male and female student leaders who have made the most significant overall contribution to the Greek community and to the University during the year and their Greek career.

Best New Adviser

Presented to an APSU employee, volunteer adviser, in their first year advising a student organization who provides outstanding support for the organization and provides encouragement and leadership that enhances their learning experience.

Adviser of the Year

Presented to a campus student organization volunteer adviser who has gone above and beyond the requirements of the organization they advise. Preference is given to nominees who have not been recognized in the past two years. If nominations indicate, two selections may be made in this category.

Exemplary Staff Member of the Year Award

This award is presented to one full-time staff member who consistently promotes the success of students, exhibits outstanding character attributes, and serves as an exceptional mentor and adviser to students. This is the only award presented by the student body to a staff member for their contribution to student life above and beyond the call of duty.

Exemplary Faculty Member of the Year Award

This award is presented to one full-time faculty member who consistently promotes the success of students, exhibits outstanding character attributes, and serves as an exceptional mentor and adviser to students. This is the only award presented by the student body to a faculty member for their contribution to student life above and beyond the call of duty.

Vice President's Excellence in Leadership Award

Recognizes one senior student who has excelled scholastically, has a distinguished record of involvement on campus and has excelled in the area of student leadership on campus. This is the top individual student leader award.



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II. Organization/ Group Awards

All eligible organizations must be registered with the office of Student Life and Leadership and in good standing with the University and their nationals if applicable. These awards may be nominated or the organization may apply for these awards. These are in addition to the criteria associated with each individual award.

Rising Star Award

Presented to the registered student organization that has distinguished themselves during their first year of existence on campus OR any registered organization that has shown remarkable improvement over the past year.

Most Spirited Organization of the Year

Presented to the registered student organization that has best displayed spirit for its organization and the University.

President's Cup Award

Presented to the social Greek organization from each council with the highest overall grade point average for the 2008 spring and fall semester. (Recipients determined by the Student Life and Leadership office.)

Governors Legacy Organization Award

This award honors an exceptional student organization for providing outstanding programs, leadership opportunities, service to campus and community, and vision consistently over time. (This award may not be selected every year.)

Student Organization of the Year

This award will be selected by the Govs Organization Council based upon their points system for the year.

Greek Organization of the Year

This award will be determined based on the Excellence Plan administered through Student Life and Leadership.



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III. Program Awards

Programs must meet the criteria for each individual award. These awards may be nominated or the organization may apply for these awards. Organizations should nominate one program, a different program, per category. If more than one organization participated in the sponsorship of the program, please list all names on the nomination.

Thousand Points of Light Award

Presented to the registered student organization which conceived, planned and implemented the most innovative, creative and ground-breaking project or program that establishes a new standard in APSU campus life.

Outstanding Multicultural Program Award

Presented to the registered student organization which conceived, planned and implemented a program which promotes the celebration and understanding of multiculturalism and diversity.

Outstanding Fundraiser of the Year

Presented to the registered student organization which sponsored the most original, successful fundraiser to benefit a charitable cause.

Co-Sponsored Program of the Year

Presented to the registered student organizations that have provided the most outstanding co-sponsored program or series of programs that positively impacted students on campus and demonstrated collaboration among organizations.

Outstanding Community Service Program

Presented to the registered student organization which conceived, planned and implemented an original, outstanding and worthwhile community service program or project.

Outstanding Program of the Year

Presented to the registered student organization which conceived, planned and implemented a program that demonstrates collaboration, diversity, development, and leadership AND relevance to important issues for college students.

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