



*Student Recognition &
Awards Ceremony
Application Packet
2009*

University of North Texas Students, Faculty, and Staff Members:

The Student Activities Center is once again accepting applications for outstanding student organizations and individual leadership awards. We are pleased to announce several excellent awards recognizing some of UNT's most exceptional students, faculty and staff.

The Multicultural Center will be presenting two awards that honor those who promote diversity within the community of the University of North Texas.

- **Mean Green Unity Student Award**
- **Mean Green Unity Organization Award**

The Women's Center will be presenting the **Women Breaking Barriers Award** which honors an outstanding woman whose labors are for the betterment of women.

The Student Government Association and Eagle's Nest will also be presenting the **SGA Exemplary Organization** award again for an organization's participation in Student Government sponsored activities. Also, new this year an award to support the university's efforts towards going green; Business Services will be presenting the **We Mean Green Award** to an organization committed to sustainability.

The Student Activities Center will be presenting the following awards:

- **Organization of the Year**
- **Advisor of the Year (nomination only)**
- **Outstanding Organization Event**
- **Outstanding Student Volunteer**
- **Student Organization Community Service Award**
- **Outstanding President**
- **Emerging Female Leader (nomination only)**
- **Emerging Male Leader (nomination only)**
- **Eagle Spirit Award**
- **James Carl Matthews Award (nomination only)**

All award recipients will be honored at the Student Recognition & Awards Ceremony on **April 28th, 2009**. Please see nomination forms for selection criteria on each award. Please note that the Student Recognition Ceremony application packet is separate from the Honors Day application packet sent out earlier. Honors Day awards recipients will be honored at Honors Day on April 3rd, 2009.

All student organizations that are registered with the Student Activities Center are eligible and encouraged to apply. **Please complete all appropriate nomination forms and return to the Student Activities Center, Union 320 by Thursday, March 11th, 2009. Please submit five (5) copies of your nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).** All applications must be complete! Applications that are not complete, will NOT be considered!

Feel free to contact me via email at brooke.carter@unt.edu or by phone at (940) 565-3807 if you have any questions regarding eligibility or selection considerations.

Sincerely,

Brooke Carter

Brooke Carter
Coordinator for Student Organizations



Student Recognition Award Application Outstanding Student Volunteer

To honor a UNT student who demonstrate exceptional commitment to serving others and whose efforts have made a difference in the community and/or on campus. This award recognizes exceptional service in the area of community service and service learning.

Criteria:

- Students must be currently enrolled and maintaining a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
- Students must be in good standing with the university.
- Volunteer activities have occurred within the last calendar year.
- Students can nominate themselves for this award.
- Student must fill out FERPA Student Consent Form. (last page of packet)

Please type or print

Applicant: _____ *ID: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle one: FR SO JR SR GR Academic major: _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation/nomination. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. Record of activity: Each individual should supply a list of volunteer activities to include a description of activities, approximate number of hours involved and contact names and phone numbers. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

Due Date: March 11, 2009 **Return to:** Brooke Carter Coordinator for Student Organizations
Student Activities Center
University Union, Suite 320 (940) 565-3807

* Under FERPA Law, the student ID number will only be used to verify that the student is in good standing with the university and their grade point average.



Student Recognition Award Application Advisor of the Year

To honor ONE UNT faculty or staff member who contributes time and expertise in a volunteer activity capacity to a student organization at UNT. This faculty or staff member has gone above and beyond his/her requirements as an advisor and has displayed a genuine commitment to fostering the growth and development of the student organization and its members.

Criteria:

- Full-time faculty or staff members
- Responsible for giving excellent guidance and advice to a Registered Student Organization.
- Serve as an advisor on a volunteer basis and is not a mandatory requirement within the functions of faculty or staff positions.

Please type or print

NOMINEE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Title: _____

Advisor to: _____

NOMINATOR

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter/statement of recommendation outlining the impact of the advisor's efforts as related to the above criteria. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. Five (5) copies of complete nomination packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application Student Organization Community Service Award

To honor a student organization that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to serving others and whose efforts have made a difference in the community and/or on campus. This award recognizes exceptional service in the area of community service and service learning.

Criteria:

- Organizations must be officially registered with the Student Activities Center.
- Organizations must be in good standing with the university (for the past year).
- Volunteer activities have occurred within the last calendar.
- Organizations can nominate themselves for this award.

Please type or print

Name of Organization: _____

Number of members in the organization: _____

President: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Local address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Advisor: _____ **Phone:** _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ **Nominator's Title:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature: _____ **Phone:** _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. Record of activity: Description of service contributions including total number of hours served by the organization and contact names and numbers of agencies benefiting from service. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application Outstanding Organization Event

To honor Registered Student Organizations who have developed a program or event that has impacted the university and/or local community, while serving as a learning and growing experience for organization members.

Criteria:

- Organizations must be officially registered with the Student Activities Center.
- Organizations must be in good standing with the university (for the past year).
- Events had to have occurred within the last calendar year.
- Organizations can nominate themselves for this award.

Please type or print

Name of Organization: _____

Number of members in the organization: _____

President: _____ E-mail: _____

Local address: _____ Phone: _____

Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. Event description: Should include detailed information beginning with the event's inception to its completion and any follow up that may have been required. Discuss the targeted audience, what impact the event had on its participants and your organization's members, the use of organizational funds, students' involvement in producing the event and any other pertinent information. Please limit this information to two (2) typed pages.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application Emerging Female Leader

To honor an outstanding FEMALE leader who made a significant impact in their organization, exhibited a high level of participation and volunteerism, and whose efforts have made a difference in the community and/or on campus. This award recognizes a member who has chosen to go “above and beyond” what is asked of them in their contribution toward their organization.

Criteria:

- Students must be currently enrolled and maintaining a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
- Students must be in good standing with the university.
- Participation and volunteer activities had to have occurred within the last calendar year.
- **MUST** hold Freshman or Sophomore status during the 08-09 academic year.
- This will be awarded by nomination only.
- Student must fill out FERPA Student Consent Form. (last page of packet)

Please type or print

Nominee: _____ *ID: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Circle one: FR SO Academic major: _____

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation outlining the member's contributions to their organization and justifications for their nomination. Please limit to two (2) typed page.
2. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application Emerging Male Leader

To honor an outstanding MALE leader who made a significant impact in their organization, exhibited a high level of participation and volunteerism, and whose efforts have made a difference in the community and/or on campus. This award recognizes a member who has chosen to go “above and beyond” what is asked of them in their contribution toward their organization.

Criteria:

- Students must be currently enrolled and maintaining a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
- Students must be in good standing with the university.
- Participation and volunteer activities had to have occurred within the last calendar year.
- **MUST** hold Freshman or Sophomore status during the 08-09 academic year
- This will be awarded by nomination only.
- Student must fill out FERPA Student Consent Form. (last page of packet)

Please type or print

Nominee: _____ *ID: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Circle one: FR SO Academic major: _____

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation outlining the member's contributions to their organization and justifications for their nomination. Please limit to two (2) typed page.
2. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application Outstanding President

To honor an Outgoing President of a registered student organization who has demonstrated a high level of leadership and involvement in their organization. The outgoing president should be an individual that has “left a legacy of excellence” in their organization and exhibited exceptional commitment to serving others in an effort to make a difference in the community and/or on campus. This award recognizes individuals with exceptional guidance and “vision casting” skills.

Criteria:

- Students must be currently enrolled and maintaining a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
- Students must be in good standing with the university.
- Individuals can nominate themselves for this award.
- Student must fill out FERPA Student Consent Form. (last page of packet)

Please type or print

Applicant: _____ *ID: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Circle one: FR SO JR SR GR Academic major: _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. A brief statement outlining the impact of the individual's leadership as president of their organization and justifications for nomination (to be completed by the applicant/nominee if applying themselves). Please limit to one (1) typed page.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

Due Date: March 11, 2009 **Return to:** Katie Lane, Coordinator for Organizations
Student Activities Center
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Student Recognition Award Application Organization of the Year

To honor one recognized undergraduate student organization and one graduate student organization at UNT that has been responsible for major contributions to the University community or constituent group in the areas of service and leadership.

Criteria:

- Organizations must be officially registered with the Student Activities Center.
- Organizations must be in good standing with the university (for the past year).
- Organizations can nominate themselves for this award.

Please type or print

Name of Organization: _____

Number of members in the organization: _____

President: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Local address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Advisor: _____ **Phone:** _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ **Nominator's Title:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature: _____ **Phone:** _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. A brief statement outlining the organization's campus and community contributions, service to the university, and organizational improvement, etc. (to be completed by the applicant/nominee if applying themselves). Please limit to one (1) typed page.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application Eagle Spirit Award

To honor one recognized student organization or individual at UNT that has shown incredible school spirit to the University and Denton communities. The organization or individual chosen to be the recipient of this award embodies school spirit and traditions above and beyond others.

Criteria:

- Organizations must be officially registered with the Student Activities Center.
- Organizations and individuals must be in good standing with the university (for the past year).
- Organizations and individuals can nominate themselves for this award.

Please type or print

Name of Organization/Individual: _____

Number of members in the organization: _____ **President:** _____

E-mail: _____

Local address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Advisor: _____ **Phone:** _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ **Nominator's Title:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature: _____ **Phone:** _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. A brief statement outlining the organization's campus and community contributions, service to the university, and organizational improvement, etc. (to be completed by the applicant/nominee if applying themselves). Please limit to one (1) typed page.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application James Carl Matthews Award

To honor an outstanding UNT student who has shown significant leadership qualities and shows that those leadership qualities will follow them after their time at UNT is complete. This award recognizes a student who has chosen to go “above and beyond” what is asked of students and their contributions toward UNT.

Criteria:

- Students must be currently enrolled and maintaining a cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
- Students must be in good standing with the university.
- Participation and volunteer activities had to have occurred within the last calendar year.
- **MUST** have at least 90 hours completed at the end of the 08-09 academic year.
- This will be awarded by nomination only.
- Student must fill out FERPA Student Consent Form. (last page of packet)

Please type or print

Nominee: _____ *ID: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Circle one: FR SO JR SR Academic major: _____

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation outlining the member's contributions to their organization and justifications for their nomination. Please limit to two (2) typed page.
2. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application

Mean Green Unity Student Award

Sponsored by the Multicultural Center

To honor a student who demonstrates a significant and exceptional commitment to promoting diversity within the community of the University of North Texas. The student should provide specific examples of how he/she has worked to address diversity issues in a manner that encourages unity and furthers understanding between diverse groups. Recommendations should include specific information and examples about the variety and/or depth of impact of the individual's work to address diversity issues on campus. Examples of vision, action, empowerment, and innovation would be especially helpful.

Criteria:

- Nominees must have been members of an officially registered student organization.
- Students must be currently enrolled and maintaining a cumulative 3.0 grade point average.
- Students must be in good standing with the university.
- Student must fill out FERPA Student Consent Form. (last page of packet)

Please type or print

Applicant: _____ *ID: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Circle one: FR SO JR SR GR Academic major: _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. Statement of diversity: Statements are required to be written by the nominee/applicant. Each nominee must submit a statement describing how he/she has promoted diversity at the University of North Texas. Information should explain the activities, accomplishments and honors that have been received in the past year. Please limit this information to two (2) typed pages.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application Mean Green Unity Organization Award

Sponsored by the Multicultural Center

To honor a UNT organization with extraordinary dedication towards enhancing the community as a whole. The organization's efforts must encourage the education of the University of North Texas community on issues of diversity. This award recognizes exceptional organizations that address diversity issues in a manner that encourages unity and furthers understanding between diverse groups while promoting diversity on campus as well as in the community.

Criteria:

- Organizations must be officially registered with the Office of Student Activities.
- Organizations must be in good standing with the university.
- Organizations are encouraged to nominate themselves for this award.

Please type or print

Name of Organization: _____

Number of members in the organization: _____

President: _____ E-mail: _____

Local address: _____ Phone: _____

Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. A brief statement on how the organization believes they have impacted, and educated the University of North Texas community on issues of diversity. Furthermore, describe how their diversity efforts have impacted their organization and its members. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
3. Record of activity: Description of initiatives that are helping to promote diversity on campus and the communities impacted. List any future diversity initiatives to take place on campus in the coming year. How has the organization enhanced the community as a whole? Please limit to one (1) typed page.
4. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application

Women Breaking Barriers Award

Sponsored by the Women's Center

To honor a woman student leader who inspires other women to work towards their fullest potential. Recommendations should include specific information and examples about the variety and/or depth of impact of the individual's commitment to women's issues. Examples of vision, action, encouragement and innovation would be especially helpful.

Criteria:

- Nominees must have been members of an officially registered student organization and held significant leadership roles for at least one calendar year.
- Student must be currently enrolled and maintaining a cumulative 3.0 grade point average.
- Student must be in good standing with the university.
- Students are encouraged to nominate themselves for this award.
- Student must fill out FERPA Student Consent Form. (last page of packet)

Please type or print

Applicant: _____ *ID: _____

Local address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Circle one: FR SO JR SR GR Academic major: _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. Statement of Women Empowerment: Statements are required to be written by the nominee/applicant. Each nominee must submit a statement describing how she has worked for the betterment of women. Please consider common-place occurrences as well as the seemingly extraordinary. Include events, projects, and classes that demonstrate a commitment to women's issues. What challenges has the nominee faced in her work towards supporting the contributions of women? How does the nominee distinguish herself as a leader, and how does she foster leadership in other women? Please limit this information to two (2) typed pages.
3. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application SGA Exemplary Organization Award

Sponsored by the Student Government Association

To honor student organizations that benefit the student body through their participation in Student Government sponsored activities including, but not limited to, Eagle's Nest, and Inter-Organization Council.

Criteria:

- Organization must be officially registered with the Office of Student Activities.
- Organization must have participated in SGA sponsored activities.
- Organization must be in good standing with the university.
- Organization is encouraged to apply this award.

Please type or print

Name of Organization: _____

Number of members in the organization: _____

President: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Local address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Advisor: _____ **Phone:** _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ **Nominator's Title:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature: _____ **Phone:** _____

The following documents must be submitted:

1. One (1) page typed, double spaced, essay/recommendation detailing the extent of their organization's involvement in the Student Government Association and how they have contributed to the betterment of the student body.
2. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

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Student Recognition Award Application

We Mean Green Award

Sponsored by the Business Services "Go Green" Initiative

To honor a student organization that has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to sustainability, and whose efforts have empowered students to act with economic responsibility, environmental awareness and an appreciation for equity and diversity. This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of an organization in "going green".

Criteria:

- Organizations must be officially registered with the Student Activities Center.
- Organizations must be in good standing with the university.
- Organizations can nominate themselves for this award.

Please type or print

Name of Organization: _____

Number of members in the organization: _____

President: _____ E-mail: _____

Local address: _____ Phone: _____

Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

If nominated:

Nominator: _____ Nominator's Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

The following documents must be submitted along with the application/nomination:

1. Letter of recommendation. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
2. A brief statement on how the organization believes they have impacted, and educated the University of North Texas community on issues of sustainability. Furthermore, describe how their sustainability efforts have impacted their organization and its members. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
3. Record of activity: Description of initiatives that are helping to promote sustainability on campus and in the community. List any future green initiatives to take place on campus in the coming year. Please limit to one (1) typed page.
4. Five (5) copies of complete nomination/application packet (paper clipped, no staples).

Due Date: March 11, 2009

Return to: Brooke J. Carter, Student Organizations Coordinator
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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended (FERPA)

I, _____, hereby authorize University of North Texas personnel in the Student Activities Center to disclose information regarding disciplinary action pending against me and other information regarding my academic performance, conduct or current status as a student at the University of North Texas.

This Authorization will remain in effect from the date it is executed until revoked by me, **in writing**, and delivered to the Student Activities Center.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student I.D. Number

Student Signature

Date