

Student Association Merit Scholarship Program

The SA Merit Awards are a collaborative effort of the Undergraduate Student Association and the Geneseo Foundation.

All awards are supported by mandatory student activity fees.

All current full time students are welcome to apply for any of the award categories below. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 is required at the time of application

Leadership Awards

Recipients of these awards demonstrate strong leadership skills in either SA-funded or non-funded organizations. Students in this category should show continual involvement in and advancement through student organizations during their time at Geneseo.

Service Awards

Recipients of these awards demonstrate consistent dedication and involvement to one or more student organizations during their time at Geneseo, but have not necessarily been recognized with a leadership position. Students involved in community service organizations are also encouraged to apply.

Diversity Awards

Recipients of these awards demonstrate a dedication to promoting diversity and tolerance through programs and services while at Geneseo. As with the other award categories, successful applicants will show consistent dedication to a diversity-centered organization while at Geneseo.

Deadline: Monday, April 18, 2011

Applications will be available at:

Student Association – 316 College Union

<http://geneseo.edu/~sa>



STUDENT ASSOCIATION MERIT AWARDS

Awards of \$500 to \$1,000 are available in the areas of:
Leadership, Service or Diversity.

Applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.7

Checklist for Applicants:

- Original application plus four (4) collated copies
- One letter of recommendation, plus 4 copies (cannot be from a fellow student)
- Submission of a Co-Curricular Transcript is *strongly encouraged*.
- Submit applications to the Student Association Office, CU Rm 316 by **Monday, April 18, 2011**

Name _____ G00 - _____
Last First Initial

College Box # _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

GPA _____ Expected Grad. Date: _____ Class (circle): FR SR JR SR
Month/Year

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____

Desired Award (circle): Leadership Service Diversity

**Please TYPE your responses to the following questions
separately and attach to this application before submitting.**

1. Please list co-curricular activities in which you are currently involved and have been involved with during your time at Geneseo. Please include dates and leadership positions you held or honors you received. This list can include membership in honor societies. Submission of a Co-Curricular Transcript (from the GOLD Office) is *strongly encouraged*.
2. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** In a short (1-2 pages) essay, select your most significant leadership/service/diversity experience at Geneseo and explain why you consider that achievement to a major accomplishment.
3. **SHORT ESSAY:** In **500 words or less**, describe your definition of a valuable co-curricular experience. Applicants should demonstrate through experience in co-curricular activities how they have met this definition and how their activities have had a positive impact on their time at Geneseo. This essay should be on a separate piece of paper from the personal statement.
4. **RECOMMENDATION:** State the name of one individual who will be submitting a letter of recommendation on your behalf: _____. The letter should describe the individual's relationship to the applicant and should indicate the length of time he/she has known the applicant.

Students cannot submit letters for other students.

(Over)

5. Have you ever been subject to college conduct (disciplinary) action? Yes No

If yes, please explain the situation, what sanctions you received, when the incident occurred and any reasons for the conduct action. Also indicate if you have a conduct action pending and explain.

Waiver: I verify that all of the information on this application is complete and correct. I authorize a representative from the Dean of Students Office to verify for the SA Merit Award Selection Committee the information provided for this application only. This release is not given for any outside agency or for any other purpose.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**GENESEO FOUNDATION/ STUDENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Confidential Recommendation Form**

APPLICANT _____

The above candidate is applying for a scholarship to be awarded by the Geneseo Foundation and the Student Association for the 2010-11 academic year. Selection is generally based on academic achievement, personal motivation, contribution to college life and leadership quality. Please submit this recommendation form (an original and four copies) by **April 18, 2011** to Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel & Finances, Student Association Office, MacVittie College Union Room 316, 1 College Circle, Geneseo, NY 14454.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Please rate (✓) the applicant in the following categories relative to other students you have known.

| | <i>Outstanding</i> | <i>Excellent</i> | <i>Good</i> | <i>Fair</i> | <i>Poor</i> | <i>Unable to judge</i> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Academic achievement: | | | | | | |
| Contribution to college life: | | | | | | |
| Demonstrated leadership abilities: | | | | | | |
| Personal motivation and direction: | | | | | | |
| Overall rating: | | | | | | |

Comments: (Please note: you may attach a separate sheet if you prefer.)

Signature _____

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Office Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Reminder: This form must be submitted in duplicate.