

Student Association Merit Award 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 free 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: Friday, April 17, 2009



Applications available at:
Student Association – 316 College Union
<http://geneseo.edu/~sa>
Geneseo Foundation – 11 Erwin Hall
<http://go.geneseo.edu/scholarships>



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
- Two letters of recommendation (cannot be from a fellow student)
- Submit applications to the Geneseo Foundation, Erwin 11, by **Friday, April 17, 2009**

Name _____ G00 - _____
Last First Initial

College Box # _____

Phone _____ GPA _____

E-Mail _____ Class (circle): FR SO JR SR

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____

Desired Award (circle): Leadership Service Diversity

Expected Grad. Date: _____
Month/Year

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 is *strongly encouraged*.
2. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** In a short (1-2 pages) essay, explain why you believe you are deserving of the award selected above. Applicants should demonstrate strength, experience and growth in the award area circled above (Leadership, Service, Diversity).
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 the individuals who will be submitting a letter of recommendation on your behalf: _____. Letters 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.

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

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