Introduction

Leadership development, academic achievement, and service to the community are key elements for success on any university campus. The Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC) believes wholeheartedly that students who excel in these areas deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments. Our leadership awards are crafted to celebrate and pay tribute to the countless hours and contributions student leaders and student organizations make to the campus, the community, the region, and beyond, throughout the academic year.

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Timeline

- February 17, 2020: Application opens
- February 26, 2020: The Writing Center seminar for award applicants
- February 27, 2020: The Writing Center seminar for award applicants
- March 11, 2020: Application deadline
- April 04, 2020: Applicants notified
- April 18, 2020: UTEP Student Leadership Awards Ceremony

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On the following pages, you will find information regarding the purpose, eligibility and submission requirements for each award. Please contact the SELC should you require any support.
Academic Student Organization of the Year

Purpose

The Academic Student Organization of the Year award is presented to a student organization who excels scholastically and promotes academic success amongst their members.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. List student organization accomplishments for the 2019-2020 academic year to include:
      i. overall GPA
      ii. scholarship recipients
      iii. members who are involved in honor societies
      iv. members who have received any form of scholastic recognition
   b. State how the student organization balanced academic responsibilities with involvement on campus and in the greater community.
   c. Explain your student organization’s philosophy on excellence in academics.
   d. Share how your student organization fosters academic success.

General Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

Application link: https://minetracker.utep.edu/submitter/form/start/387889
Community Service Student Organization of the Year

Purpose

The Community Service Student Organization of the Year award is presented to a student organization who goes above and beyond in community service, raising awareness, and contributing to a greater cause.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. List all the community service projects and events your student organization participated in during the 2019-2020 academic year. Provide the following information for each:
      i. a brief summary of each project
      ii. total number of members who participated in each project
      iii. total hours dedicated to each project (include sign-in sheets/rosters, CUE reports)
      iv. total amount of money raised (include fundraising activity/method of money collection if applicable)
      v. the group(s)/community organization(s) that benefited from each project
   b. Summarize what your student organization found most rewarding about the community service you participated in this year.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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Student Organization Member of the Year

Purpose

The Student Organization Member of the Year award is presented to a student who has modeled the values of their student organization, gone above and beyond member expectations, and shows exceptional leadership qualities.

This application must not be submitted by the nominee.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. List three words that describe this nominee, and explain why.
   b. Explain how the nominee upheld the values, mission, and vision of your student organization.
   c. Summarize this nominee's impact on your student organization and why they should receive this award.
   d. Share one significant contribution this nominee made in your organization.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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Program/Event of the Year

Purpose

The Program/Event of the Year award is presented to a student organization that has facilitated a successful program/event that positively impacted UTEP students or the greater community. This program/event will have exemplified the student organization’s mission and vision while fostering a sense of unity and belonging amongst its members.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. Summarize the 2019-2020 program/event your student organization is nominating. Please include:
      i. program/event name
      ii. date
      iii. location
      iv. target audience and total attendance
      v. program/event goals
      vi. program description
3. Describe the impact this program/event had on the audience.
4. Explain why this program/event was successful.
5. Explain how this program/event impacted your student organization.

Submission requirements

2. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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Spirit Award

Purpose

The Spirit Award is presented to a student organization that is actively involved in programs, events, and activities on campus and demonstrates UTEP pride.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.

2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. List the programs, events, and activities your student organization attended in the 2019-2020 academic year.
   b. List and explain the programs, events, and activities your student organization sponsored/hosted in the academic year.
   c. List any programs, events, and activities that your organization collaborated on during the 2019-2020 academic year.
   d. Explain how your participation in these activities has helped create meaningful experiences on campus.
   e. Describe what your student organization has gained from being involved in student life on campus.
   f. Summarize how your student organization has demonstrated UTEP pride on campus.
   g. Explain how your student organization will encourage other students AND other student organizations to get involved in student life on campus in the upcoming year.

Submission requirements

2. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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Student Organization Advisor of the Year

Purpose

The Student Organization Advisor of the Year award is presented to an advisor who exemplifies the mission and values of the RSO and provides great support for its members.

This honor may only be awarded to a faculty or staff member that volunteers for the position. The advisor may not be compensated monetarily for her/his volunteer work, the position may not be listed in her/his job description and the position may not be assigned by a dean, department or supervisor. This application must not be submitted by the nominee.

FSL Chapter Advisors are not eligible for this award. Please see FSL Advisor of the Year award information.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. Please include how long the nominee has served as an advisor for the RSO.
   b. Share one significant advancement your organization made with the guidance of the nominee.
   c. List and describe the contributions the nominee made to the RSO and its members.
   d. Explain why the nominee is a role model for the RSO members.
   e. Name three characteristics that best describe the nominee and why.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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FSL Advisor of the Year

Purpose

The FSL Advisor of the Year is awarded to an advisor who has gone above and beyond. Eligible advisors for this award include Chapter Alumni Advisor or a Faculty/Staff Advisor. This application must be completed by a current member of the chapter that is advised by this alumni/faculty/staff member.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

3. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.

4. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. How long has this advisor served in this role with your chapter?
   b. List and describe the contributions your advisor made to the chapter and its members.
   c. Name three characteristics that best describe your advisor and why.
   d. Explain why your advisor is a role model for the chapter.
   e. How has your advisor helped bring the organization’s values to forefront of your work?

Submission requirements

2. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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Student Organization President of the Year

Purpose

The Student Organization President of the Year award is presented to an outstanding president who leads their student organization in alignment with their values, effectively motivates its members, and leaves a positive legacy. This student must have completed a minimum of one full year as president OR be in the second semester of their term. Newly spring 2020 elects are not eligible. This application must be submitted by the nominee, and must include:

- an essay written by the nominee answering the prompts below AND
- a letter of recommendation from one of the student organization's advisors

FSL Presidents are not eligible for this award. Please see FSL President of the Year award information.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. Briefly summarize your term, and why you feel you should receive this award.
   b. Briefly describe the leadership style, techniques and characteristics that make you an outstanding president.
   c. Summarize how you embodied the values of your student organization.
   d. Describe three major successes of your term.
   e. Describe one shortcoming of your term and how you remedied the situation and/or learned from that experience.
   f. Explain what you did to motivate the members of your student organization to remain involved in activities and student life events.
   g. Describe how your term has impacted your student organization.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages
2. Recommendation Letter
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Title Formatted as follows: 2020 RSO President of the Year (Insert Name)
   e. Essay must be no longer than 1 page

Application link: https://minetracker.utep.edu/submitter/form/start/387879
FSL President of the Year

Purpose

The FSL President of the Year award is presented to an outstanding chapter president who leads their fraternity or sorority in alignment with their values, effectively motivates its members, and leaves a positive legacy within their chapter. This student must have completed a minimum of one full year as president (2019) OR be in the second semester of their term (2019-2020). Newly spring 2020 elects are not eligible. This application must be submitted by the nominee, and must include:

- an essay written by the nominee answering the prompts below AND
- a letter of recommendation from one of the chapter’s advisors (chapter/campus)

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. Briefly summarize your term, and why you feel you should receive this award.
   b. Briefly describe the leadership style, techniques and characteristics that make you an outstanding chapter president.
   c. Summarize how you embodied the values of your chapter.
   d. Describe three major successes of your term.
   e. Describe one shortcoming of your term and how you remedied the situation and/or learned from that experience.
   f. Explain what you did to motivate the members of your chapter to remain involved in activities and student life events.
   g. Describe how your term has impacted your chapter.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages
2. Recommendation Letter
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Title Formatted as follows: 2020 FSL President of the Year (Insert Name)
   e. Essay must be no longer than 1 page

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Student Organization of the Year

Purpose

The **Student Organization of the Year** award is presented to a student organization that goes above and beyond in the areas of academics, programming, recruitment, retention of members, and development of student leaders.

*FSL Chapters are not eligible for this award. Please see Fraternity/Sorority of the Year award information.*

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. Provide information and examples of the major successes and accomplishments made during the 2019-2020 academic year in the areas of:
      i. academics/scholarship
      ii. facilitating programs/events
      iii. recruitment/intake and new member education and development
   b. Summarize your student organization’s involvement in campus-wide programs (i.e. Minerpalooza, Homecoming, etc.)
   c. Explain the principles (mission/vision/creed/ideals) of your student organization, and its success in establishing these principles in your members.
   d. Share the biggest challenge your student organization faced this academic year.
   e. Describe the following:
      i. your student organization’s approach to community engagement
      ii. the impact your organization made in the community this year
   f. Discuss why your student organization is the most outstanding student organization on campus.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: **2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)**
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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Fraternity/Sorority of the Year

Purpose

The Fraternity/Sorority of the Year award is presented to a fraternity and sorority that goes above and beyond in the areas of community service, philanthropy, Greek unity, programming, recruitment/retention of members, and development of student leaders.

Eligibility & Award Criteria (Prompt)

1. Any active registered student organization at The University of Texas at El Paso that is registered via The Student Engagement & Leadership Center.
2. Award Criteria/Prompt
   a. Share how you have implemented leadership and/or professional development to encourage growth for your members.
   b. Briefly describe your chapter's philanthropy and summarize your chapter's impact this year through service and philanthropy.
   c. Summarize what programs/events your organization hosted on campus for the UTEP/El Paso Community and also your chapter's involvement in campus-wide programs (i.e. Minerpalooza, Homecoming, etc.).
   d. Discuss your chapter's successes this year with recruitment/intake initiatives and share highlights from your chapter's new member education process.
   e. Summarize how your organization has shown Greek Unity to other organizations of the FSL community.
   f. Discuss overall why your fraternity/sorority is the most outstanding fraternity/sorority on campus.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Title formatted as follows: 2020 RSO Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may be up to 2-pages

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