

# 2017-2018 Student Organization Awards

## Information Sheet

Student Organizations are encouraged to apply for as many awards as they would like. Please fill out and print this form, and attached an essay for each award your group is applying for.

Please Note:

- Applications must be in ESSAY FORMAT ONLY.
- Applications are due to the Office of Student Life by 5 p.m. on March 23, 2018.
- Organizations that receive the awards will receive first choice in where their table is located during the annual Student Activities Fair and website recognition.

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How many members are *actively* involved in your organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive funding from Eureka College (*circle one*): YES                      NO

Award(s) applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Organization of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Program/Project of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Diversity Program/Project of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Faculty/Staff Advisor of the Year

**Please attach a written narrative (essay format) that addresses the selection criteria for each award that your organization is applying for.**

## **Student Organization Award Descriptions**

### **Student Organization of the Year**

*Student Organizations applying for this award must be officially recognized by Eureka College and have a Constitution and Bylaws on file in the Office of Student Life.*

Purpose: Recognizes an outstanding student group that has built a solid organization and has achieved success in accomplishing its goals.

**Please note: This award will not be presented to the same organization for two consecutive years.**

**Selection Criteria-Please respond to the following in 500-2000 words:**

- What is the purpose of your organization?
- What goals did your group pursue this year?
- Review the 2017-2018 school year for your organization. What challenges have you had to meet? What have been your accomplishments this past year?
- Discuss the membership of your organization. How are members recruited, and how are they involved with the group? How many students are currently members? How does this compare with last year? How have students benefited by being in your organization?
- Has your organization established any traditions that benefit the organization and/or the campus and/or the surrounding communities?
- Do you receive funding from Eureka College? If not, please describe your fundraising efforts.
- Describe your organization's community service effort or efforts during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- How did your community service project(s) benefit individual group members, and your organization as a whole?
- Have you documented your service hours using the form found on the Eureka College website?
- Describe the organization's leadership development plan for the 2017-18 academic year.
- How does the organization continue to improve members' leadership development plan?
- How does your organization align with Eureka College's core values?
- Do you have any other information regarding group success or growth that you would like the committee to consider?

### **Faculty or Staff Advisor of the Year**

Purpose: Recognizes an individual who has done an outstanding job in his/her role as an advisor to a student organization. (Note: Residential Advisors are not eligible for this award.)

Selection criteria-Please respond to the following in 500-2000 words:

- How has your advisor made an impact on your student organization?
- How has your advisor gone above and beyond his/her role as advisor?
- Is there any other information regarding your advisor that you would like the committee to consider?

### **Program or Event of the Year**

Purpose: Recognizes an outstanding effort by an organization to plan, promote, and implement a single program or event during the year.

**Please Note: This award will not be presented to the same organization two consecutive years for substantially the same program. The Program of the Year Award can be won in consecutive years by the same organization for a significantly different program.**

**Selection Criteria-Please respond to the following in 500 to 2000 words:**

- Describe the program being nominated. How was it decided upon, organized, promoted, and implemented?
- What was the attendance, audience reaction, etc.?
- What was the impact of this program on the campus and/or in the community? What were the benefits?
- What role did the members of your organization play in making this program happen?
- How did sponsoring this program benefit your organization?
- How did the program or event align with Eureka College's core values?
- Is there anything else regarding this program that you would like the selection committee to consider?

### **Diversity Program/Project of the Year**

Purpose: Recognizes an outstanding effort by a student organization to plan, promote, and implement a single project or event during the year that promoted the understanding, appreciation, and embracement of diversity.

**Please note: This award will not be presented to the same organization two consecutive years for substantially the same program/project. The Diversity Program/Project of the Year award can be won in consecutive years by the same organization for a significantly different program/project.**

**Selection criteria-Please respond to the following in 500 to 2000 words:**

- Describe the project or event being nominated. How was it decided upon, organized, promoted, and implemented?
- What was the impact of this project or event on the campus and/or surrounding community in terms of promoting an acceptance of diversity?
- What role did the members play in making this project/event happen?
- How did the program or event align with Eureka College's core values?
- Is there any other information about your project or event that you would like the selection committee to consider?