

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION (RSO) RECOGNITION AWARDS



WHO CAN NOMINATE?

- * Organizations can nominate their programs, organization and members
- * Organizations can nominate other student orgs, programs and members
- * Individuals can nominate any student organization, student organization program, student leaders, advisors, Departments, community allies, etc.

Below you will find:

- RSO Program Award Category descriptions
- Individual Award Category descriptions
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RSO Program Award Category Descriptions

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD

Presented to an organization for a program that is recognized for its excellence.

**All program nominations will be considered for this award.

MOST INNOVATIVE PROGRAM AWARD

Presented to an organization that has created a new program/activity that has enhanced campus life. The program should be unique and have a new twist or approach. Innovative advertising ideas and program presentation are also elements considered for this award. **All types of program nominations will be considered for this award.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Presented to an organization for a volunteer project that is recognized for its excellence. The program will have been exceptional and creative in its implementation and presentation. The program will have demonstrated commitment to community service. **Nominations should be supported with a letter by the beneficiary of the agency being benefited.

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY

Presented to an organization for a financial gift for a philanthropy project. The program will have been exceptional and creative in its implementation and presentation. The program will have demonstrated commitment to philanthropy. It will have involved a significant number of organization members, as well as the attendance and/or the participation of nonmembers. **Nominations should be supported with a letter by the beneficiary of the agency being benefited.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Presented to an organization that has presented an exceptional educational program that addressed a topic or issue with the goal of educating the campus community. Programs should be well promoted and attended.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER

Presented to a faculty member on campus that has had a significant impact on a student organization (not as an advisor).

OUTSTANDING ADVISOR

Presented to student organization advisor(s) who are recognized for the outstanding job they have done. The nominee must be a volunteer advisor (one who is not an advisor due to their job description or payment given from the group). **Nominations should include information about the advisor's style, commitment, and contributions to the organization.

THE PRESIDENTS' AWARD

Presented to individual(s) who have excelled as the President of an organization, through the use of leadership and organization development. **Nominees must have served a full term as president by the end of the academic year.

OUTSTANDING OFFICER

Presented to individual(s) who have excelled as an officer (other than President) of an organization, through the use of leadership and organization development. **Nominees must have served a full term by the end of the academic year.

Individual Award Category Descriptions

BEST NEW ORGANIZATION AWARD

Presented to an organization that is new to campus life. The organization should have developed a solid and active membership, clear goals for the organization, and demonstrated involvement in campus life.

RECRUITMENT/RETENTION/COMMUNITY

Presented to an organization that has demonstrated excellence in acquiring new members, retaining members and creating a quality sense of community within the organization. Organizations nominated for this award should provide member testimonials and other evidence of the above criteria.

EXCELLENCE IN OUTCOMES OF INVOLVEMENT ALIGNING WITH THE UNIVERSITY MISSION

Presented to an organization that has achieved excellence in aligning the outcomes of involvement in their organization to the mission of the University: Grand Valley State University educates students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies.

EXEMPLARY INTERNAL FUNCTION

Presented to an organization that has demonstrated excellence in functioning as team/group. Organization nominated for this award should give judges a snapshot into how the organization functions, how it uses organization documents (bylaws, constitution, etc.), how meetings are run, etc.

DOWNTOWN PROGRAM

Presented to an organization for their commitment to programming at the Pew Campus in order to better connect the university.

MOST SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING

Presented to an organization that has conducted a fund raising activity (not philanthropic) that was successful both in raising financial resources for use by the organization, as well as in utilizing the entire organization membership in developing a sense of teamwork and commitment to the organization.

OUTSTANDING CULTURAL PROGRAM

Presented to an organization that has presented an outstanding program in the area of cultural diversity. The program should have dealt with a multicultural issue, and attracted a diverse group of students, faculty, and members of the community.

CO-SPONSORSHIP IN PROGRAMMING

Given to an organization that has excelled in the area of co-sponsorship with diverse number of student organizations and departments. The recipient of this award should have programmed more than one event with other organizations throughout the year.

WEEKEND PROGRAM

Presented to an organization that has organized a successful weekend program. The program should have demonstrated a commitment to a "seven days a week" campus. Programs should be well promoted and attended.

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Presented to an organization for their commitment to the betterment and promotion of scholarship. The recipient of the award should have demonstrated this scholastic commitment through co-curricular activities.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ALLY

This award is presented to the non-profit organization/business that has contributed to the growth and development of student life at GVSU. The recipient must demonstrate a committed effort of collaboration with students/student organization. **The nominees cannot be affiliated with GVSU.

OUTSTANDING GVSU DEPARTMENT

This award is presented to the GVSU department that has contributed to the growth and development of student life at GVSU. The recipient must demonstrate a committed effort of collaboration with students/student organizations to help maintain and enhance a vibrant GVSU community.

MOST PROMISING FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR LEADER

Presented to a student leader who has been active in campus life and has made a commitment to improving the quality of life at Grand Valley. Nominees should have demonstrated involvement in such areas as residence life, student organizations, Laker Leadership programs, or other areas. **Candidates should be in good academic standing and must have completed the appropriate number of credits by the end of the current semester (freshman, 0-24 credits; sophomore, 25-54 credits; junior, 55-84 credits)

CAMPUS/COMMUNITY IMPACT

Presented to an organization that has produced a program/project that has reached out to the campus or local community. This award will recognize a creative, thorough, well-planned program or project that demonstrates the organizations' participation. **Nominations should include copies of on and/or off-campus media coverage of the activity that highlight how Grand Valley students have positively contributed to the campus and local community.

ART HILLS SPIRIT

Presented to an organization that has demonstrated outstanding school spirit. This award is named in honor of Art Hills who exemplified the enthusiasm for campus life at Grand Valley. Art retired in 1988 as Executive Assistant to the President. He wrote the Grand Valley Alma Mater and was always active in promoting a positive spirit at Grand Valley. Organizations should have demonstrated school spirit at campus events and participation in campus life activities.

SHELIA WILLIAMS OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION

Presented to an organization that has made a significant contribution to campus life, has bridged gaps between organizations and individuals, and has demonstrated a commitment to service. Shelia Williams was an alumna of Grand Valley who, through her involvement in student organizations and campus departments, demonstrated an outstanding commitment to student life. Organizations applying for this award should have demonstrated a similar commitment.



Registered Student Organization Recognition Award Nomination Form



Name of Nominating Organization/Office/Department: _____

Name of Person completing Nomination: _____ Email: _____

Nominating Organization President: _____ Email: _____

Nominating Organization Advisor: _____ Email: _____

I/We hereby nominate: _____ **(name of Organization and/or person) for:**

Nominated Organization President: _____ *Email:* _____

Nominated Organization President: _____ *Email:* _____

CHECK ONLY ONE CATEGORY. *Copy this form for multiple nominations.*

Programming (single program)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Sponsored Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Innovative Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most Successful Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy Project/Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Project/Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Program** (all program submissions are eligible) | |

Excellence in Programming

- Co-Sponsorship in Programming

Individual Recognition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Most Promising (<i>circle one</i>) - Freshman – Sophomore – Junior - Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Community Ally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Faculty Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Officer | |

Organizational Awards

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Hills Spirit Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Best new Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus/Community Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Internal Function | <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes of involvement align with University Mission | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment/Retention/Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelia Williams Outstanding Organization | |

Award Nomination Checklist

- I/We have completed the contact information section at the top of this sheet
- If we are nominating the same program/organization/individual for multiple awards we have copied this sheet and provided separate supporting documents for each award (read descriptions on reverse for award categories)
- We have copied this sheet and all supporting documents FOUR times to create four nomination packets and each packet is stapled together (do not bind or put in report covers)
- We have 3-hole punched all of our award nomination materials
- Our nomination materials include: a justification written by the nominator of why the nominee is deserving of the award, supporting documents (ie. Posters, pictures, newspaper clippings, agenda's, minutes, internal documents, web site material, etc.), letters of support (especially if required), etc.
- We are submitting our materials to the Student Organization Center (Kirkhof Center Room 0008) during open hours by the following deadline: **Friday, March 14, 2009.**

*** All Award nominations can be turned in at any time, early nominations are eligible for additional recognition!