



# Student Government Association Student Organization Awards Organization Nomination Form



Each year the SGA recognizes the accomplishments of student organizations that have provided service to the university and its surrounding community, been active participants in campus life and made significant contributions to student life at the university. All Missouri Western student, faculty and staff have the opportunity to nominate an organization, advisor, president, or outstanding organization member for the 2008-2009 SGA Student Organization Awards. Descriptions of the SGA Student Organization Awards are provided below. **Awards will be given out at the annual Student Government Association Banquet on Monday, April 13, 2009.**

## Nomination Rules and Requirements

All nominated student organizations must meet the following basic requirements:

- The student organization must be officially recognized by the SGA and the Center for Student Engagement.
- The student organization must be in good standing with the university.

The following rules apply to the nomination of student organizations for the SGA Student Organization Awards as outlined in the SGA Bylaws:

1. The nomination form and accompanying materials must be typed and presented in a professional manner.
2. Any Missouri Western student, faculty or staff member may make nominations. Self-nomination is encouraged and accepted.
3. No nominations will be accepted after established application deadline. Nominations must be complete in order to be considered.

## Award Descriptions

### Award Categories

#### **Academic and Departmental Organization of the Year**

The Academic and Departmental Organization of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as Academic and Departmental by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

#### **Fraternity of the Year**

The Fraternity of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as Greek by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

### **Sorority of the Year**

The Sorority of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as Greek by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

### **Intercultural Organization of the Year**

The Intercultural Organization of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as Intercultural by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

### **Athletic and Recreational Organization of the Year**

The Athletic and Recreational Organization of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as an Athletic and Recreational group by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

### **Political and Advocacy Organization of the Year**

The Political and Advocacy Organization of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as a Political and Advocacy group by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

### **Service Organization of the Year**

The Service Organization of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as a service group by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

### **Honors Organization of the Year**

The Honors Organization of the Year award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization that is classified as an honors group by the Center for Student Engagement. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one (1) year. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has set and accomplished goals. The organization must be able to demonstrate its contributions and service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding St. Joseph community. The organization must provide evidence of growth and development of its members as well as be active in recruiting new members. The organization must have demonstrated creativity, innovation, and fun.

### Overall Group Awards

#### **Glenn Marion Community Service Award**

The Glenn Marion Community Service award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least one year. The organization should be able to demonstrate that it has gone above and beyond what is typical in terms of providing community service and philanthropic activities over the course of the academic year.

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

The New Student Organization of the Year Award recognizes a newly registered organization exhibiting initiative in organizational development and strong potential to contribute to the quality of student life at Missouri Western State University. The organization that receives this award will have established a positive presence within the University and/or in the surrounding community and collaborated with other student organizations and/or University departments.

### **The Spirit of the *GRIFFON* Award**

The Spirit of the *GRIFFON* award is given to a current active and registered Missouri Western student organization. The organization must have been a permanent and active organization for at least two years. The organization should be able to demonstrate the following:

- The student organization has set and accomplished goals.
- The student organization has made contributions and provided service to Missouri Western and/or the surrounding Missouri Western community.
- The student organization has provided the opportunity for growth and development of its members and has been active in recruiting new members.

## **Part 1: Student Organization Contact Information**

Name of Club or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Organization Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Organization Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part 2: Award Categories**

From the list below, please select the award(s) for which you are nominating the aforementioned student organization:

\_\_\_\_ Academic and Departmental Organization of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Service Organization of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Honors Organization of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Fraternity of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Sorority of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Glenn Marion Community Service Award

\_\_\_\_ Intercultural Organization of the Year

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

\_\_\_\_ Athletic and Recreational Organization of the Year

\_\_\_\_ The Spirit of the *GRIFFON* Award

\_\_\_\_ Political and Advocacy Organization of the Year

## **Part 3: Student Organization Resume**

Provide a student organization resume, which includes the following information:

- Demographic Information (information about your organization and it's members)
- Community Service/Philanthropic Activities
- Educational Activities
- Fundraiser Activities
- Social Activities

## Part 4: Nomination Essay

In no more than 750 words, explain why you believe the nominated organization should be considered for the student organization award selected above. Please include the following in your explanation (PLEASE TYPE):

- A list of the organization's activities, with short descriptions, in the 2008-2009 academic year.
- A rationale for how the activities of the organization impacted the college community and supported campus life in general and related to the award category or categories selected above.
- Outline any awards and recognition the organization has received in the 2008-2009 academic year.

## Part 5: Recommendations

Nomination forms and accompanying materials should include at least one (1) but no more than three (3) additional letters of recommendation. The NOMINATOR should solicit the letters of recommendation and submit them with their packet.

## Questions/Concerns

For questions/concerns regarding the SGA Student Organizations Awards contact the following:

SGA Director of Student Relations  
Mr. Nicholas Lanter  
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**APPLICATIONS DUE BY 4:30 p.m. MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009**

Please return completed Nomination Form and accompanying materials to:

Student Government Association Suite  
Blum Union, 217

or

Student Development Office  
Blum Union, 228