

Student Organization Awards

Drury Awards 2024

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Introduction

The Student Organization Awards were created to recognize the achievements and excellence of the outstanding leaders and supporters of all student organizations.

The Student Organization Awards are held each Spring semester. During the ceremony, presenters will announce awards received by deserving students, organizations, and supporters of the Drury University involvement community and review highlights of all accomplishments.

We wish you the best of luck with your nominations. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Director of Student Involvement, Corinna McFall at cmcfall@drury.edu.

The Process

This packet holds all information, links and forms organizations will need to successfully apply for the Student Organization Awards. Review each award carefully to be aware of timelines and expectations.

To be considered for an award, organizations or other nominators are required to fully complete the application and/or nomination form.

Organizational members may only win a specific award once during their collegiate career, but an organizational member may win both the Aspiring Member of the Year and the Member of the Year Awards during their collegiate career. Individuals may be nominated multiple times for the same award by different organizations. Individuals may also be nominated and considered for multiple awards.

ALL AWARDS FORMS ARE DUE MARCH 28TH AT NOON.

Late forms and forms not submitted electronically will not be accepted.

The Student Organization Awards will be awarded during the Drury Awards on May 1st at 3:00pm.

Each organization is required to have at least one representative present at Drury Awards. Nominees for individual awards will be notified of this date as well.

Selection Process

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee selects the recipients of all awards. The Student Activities Office designates committee members from the Drury University community who are knowledgeable about student involvement, student organizations, and are able to remain unbiased in the selection process.

Judging

The Selection Committee and Student Activities staff review their respective Award Forms and score them according to the Judging Rubric. All identifying information is removed from the Award Forms before the selection process. The Selection Committee submits their scored Award Forms to the Student Activities Office. The Student Activities staff processes all of the scores and the nominees with the highest overall scores are selected as the award recipients. A staff member outside the Student Activities Office verifies all selections before the award recipients are presented.

In the event the Selection Committee and/or the Student Activities staff selections result in a tie, they will vote between the tied nominees and select one award recipient. Each selection group is composed of an odd number of members to prevent further ties.

In the event the Selection Committee and/or the Student Activities staff decides that no nominees adequately meet an award's criteria, then they reserve the right to not select an award recipient.

List of Awards

Organizational Awards

- Student Organization of the Year
- Most Improved Organization
- Outstanding New Organization
- Program of the Year

Individual Awards

- Leader of the Year
- Aspiring Leader of the Year

Advisor Awards

- Advisor of the Year

Award Descriptions

Student Organization of the Year

This award is presented to an organization that has made a significant effort to further its purpose through its contribution to Drury University. This award recognizes the student organization that has demonstrated consistent flexibility, initiative, creativity, and perseverance through their activities and programs. Furthermore, the organization embodies the Drury spirit through its commitment to leadership development, collaboration among groups, and programmatic efforts to enhance the quality of campus life. The Student Organization of the Year is considered a role model for other organizations on our campus.

- **Recognition Information:** Only student organizations that are registered with the Student Activities Office and are in good standing are eligible to receive this award. Students or Advisors may nominate their organization by completing the online form. Nominators will be asked to provide information on the following in less than 400 words including details from each point below:
 - Why do you believe this organization deserves this award?
 - Describe how they have demonstrated consistent flexibility, initiative, creativity, and perseverance.
 - Describe commitment to leadership development, collaboration among groups, and programmatic efforts in detail to enhance the quality of campus life.
 - How has all that you have described from above impacted Drury University?

You can find the nomination form on the Drury website or at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DMyZrt4k81>

Most Improved Organization

This award is presented to an organization that is newer, recently revived, or has shown an extensive amount of growth within the past year. This award recognizes the organization that has shown a positive attitude, hard work, passion, and strength in the light of challenges and obstacles. Furthermore, the improvements can be seen through membership numbers, events taken place on campus, public relations seen across campus, new innovative ideas, and

more. The Most Improved Organization of the Year is considered our up-and-coming organization of the next school year.

- **Recognition Information:** Only student organizations that are registered with the Student Activities Office and are in good standing are eligible to receive this award. Students or Advisors may nominate their organization by completing the online form. Nominators will be asked to provide information on the following in less than 400 words including details from each point below:
 - Why do you believe this organization deserves this award?
 - Describe how they have shown a positive attitude, hard work, passion and strength in light of challenges and obstacles.
 - Describe improvements seen through membership numbers, events taken place, public relations seen across campus, new innovative ideas, and how the organization has functioned throughout the year.
 - How has all that you have described above impacted Drury University?

You can find the nomination form on the Drury website or at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/R7bsA6UNwi>

Outstanding New Organization

This award is presented to an organization that has been created in the 2023-2024 academic year. The award recognizes students who have taken the time to bring a new organization to campus to continue to diversify the organizations that students can take part in during their time at Drury University. Furthermore, the organization showcases a new aspect of representing the passions of our students through activities, events, meetings, and more, giving our students a new space to showcase their passions. The New Organization of the Year is considered to have been successful in their first year of working to make an impact on Drury's campus.

- **Recognition Information:** Only student organizations that registered with the Student Activities Office in academic year 2023-2024 and are in good standing are eligible to receive this award. Student or Advisors may nominate their organization by completing the online form. Nominators will be asked to submit up to 400 words including answering the following information:

- Describe the organization's successes this year.
- Describe how you got members involved and excited about the organization.
- What was the impact on the Drury University community?
- What goals are set for the future?

You can find the nomination form on the Drury website or at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/iAfmJPHUBA>

Program of the Year

The award recognizes the student organization which displayed the most successful program/event/initiative overall during the past year. The organization will be selected based on the overall uniqueness of the program, as well as the organization's technique, creativity, marketing, and implementation strategies.

- **Recognition Information:** Only student organizations that are registered with the Student Activities Office and are in good standing are eligible to receive this award. Students or Advisors may nominate their organization by completing the online form. Only one nomination from each organization is eligible for recognition. Nominators will be asked to submit up to 400 words on the program including answering the following information:
 - Describe the event as thoroughly as possible, including: purpose of event, how it related to the organization mission, and why this program was chosen.
 - What were the goals of this program and were they met?
 - What challenges were faced with implementing this program?
 - What impact did it have on the Drury community?

You can find the nomination form on the Drury website or at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/FR4cmTfwEW>

Leader of the Year

This award is presented to a student who exhibits exemplary leadership skills throughout the campus community. *The student must be a junior, senior, or super senior.* The criteria for selection include: quality of leadership, mutual

respect among peers, dedication to the improvement of campus life, and the ability to promote leadership development at Drury.

- **Nominees must meet the following criteria:**
 - In good standing with an active student organization
 - Self-nominations and peer nominations will be accepted
 - Not found in violation of a university policy within the year of nomination
 - Must be classified as a Junior, Senior, or Super Senior
- **Nomination Information:** Each organization can nominate students of their choice for this award. Nomination applications will be filled out by a nominator online. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Nominators will be required to provide information for the following topics:
 - List all pertinent involvement (positions held, memberships, awards, etc.)
 - How has the nominee been a vital member to the advancement of the organization?
 - How well has the nominee communicated goals and the steps needed to accomplish said goals within the organization this year?
 - How did the nominee work to implement change and achieve goals in the organization?
 - How has the nominee been committed throughout their college career to serving both the university and the campus community, in various capacities?

You can find the nomination form on the Drury website or at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/yKrGHCSYHc>

Aspiring Leader of the Year

This award recognizes a freshman or sophomore who has excelled in their organization and has demonstrated true leadership qualities. The selection of the award will be based on their involvement in campus activities, leadership initiatives, school pride and overall contributions to their student organization or program.

- **Nominees must meet the following criteria:**
 - In good standing with an active student organization
 - Not found in violation of a university policy within the year of nomination

- Must be classified as a Freshman or Sophomore
- **Nomination Information:** Each organization can nominate students of their choice for this award. Nomination applications will be filled out by a nominator online. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Nominators will be required to provide information for the following topics:
 - List all pertinent involvement (positions held, memberships, awards, etc.)
 - Why do you believe this individual deserves this award?
 - How would you assess the leadership skills and potential as a member of the organization that this individual is in?
 - How has the nominee advanced both the university and the campus community through their work with your organization?

You can find the nomination form on the Drury website or at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/eMLrU1NXAz>

Advisor of the Year

A great advisor can truly take a student organization to the next level. The Student Organization Advisor of the Year Award is awarded to a faculty, staff, or graduate advisor of a student organization who has had a positive impact on their associated student organization and demonstrates a strong ability to cultivate learning and growth in student leaders.

- **Nominees must meet the following criteria:**
 - Advisor must be employed and/ or officially recognized by Drury University
- **Recognition Information:** One nomination from each organization is eligible for recognition. One recipient will be selected each year. The nominee receiving the highest score from the Award Selection Committee will be named as the award recipient. Nominators will be required to submit up to 400 words on:
 - Describe how this advisor serves and leads in their involvement and mentorship with your organization.

You can find the nomination form on the Drury website or at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/XRMTTHxubz>

Rubrics

Scoring Guide:

0 - Insignificant: Nomination provides inadequate evidence.

1 - Below Average: Nomination provides basic evidence.

2 - Average: Nomination provides moderate evidence.

3 - Above Average: Nomination provides significant evidence.

Student Organization of the Year:

	0	1	2	3
Demonstration of flexibility, initiative, creativity, and perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment to leadership development, collaboration among groups, and programmatic efforts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall impact on Drury University	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Most Improved Organization:

	0	1	2	3
Demonstration of positive attitude, hard work, passion and strength in light of challenges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvements through membership, events, PR, new ideas, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall impact on Drury University	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outstanding New Organization:

	0	1	2	3
Seen successes within first year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of new members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact on Drury community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goals for set for the future	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Program of the Year:

	0	1	2	3
Event success & purpose of event shows relation to organization mission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goals of event and achievement of those goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Challenges handled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact on the Drury community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Leader of the Year:

	0	1	2	3
Service/Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advancement of organization under leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of goals and achievement of those goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment to serve the university and campus community in various capacities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Aspiring Leader:

	0	1	2	3
Service/Leadership skills shown in organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advancement of University through their leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Advisor of the Year:

	0	1	2	3
Service/Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mentorship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>