

## **AACUSS Award for Excellence in Student Services**

### **Description:**

The AACUSS Award for Excellence in Student Services is given annually to a member of AACUSS or a member's department who has demonstrated excellence over the previous year. Nominees will have shown leadership within their role(s) in Student Services, including on the campus(es) where they work, within their specific area of expertise, or the Student Services field at large. Award for Excellence in Student Services recipients are well-respected and significant contributors on their campuses, departments, and practice-specific communities.

### **Excellence or exceptional service may be demonstrated:**

- through the development of a new initiative beneficial to student life directly or indirectly.
- through the creative use of human or material resources.
- through collaboration between the institution and local community that has enhanced the quality of student life or development.
- by developing and supporting departmental and institution-wide initiatives.
- through role-specific service and programming.
- through active leadership within their professional association.
- by developing mentorship programs.
- by attending or hosting conferences (i.e. presentations and research).

### **Minimum Criteria Check**

- Nomination Letter, no more than 1000 words
- Support letters (minimum 1, maximum 3) with at least one from a colleague within their institution or area of expertise; a staff member who has been mentored by or reported to the individual during their career in Student Services; a person in a position of leadership within their current institution (e.g., Director, Managing Director, AVP, VP). No more than 500 words each.
- AACUSS member in good standing

<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<b>Excellent (15)</b>	<b>Sufficient (8)</b>	<b>Poor (3)</b>	<b>None (0)</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>The nominee is a well-respected contributor to Student Services and their campus community, departments, or areas of expertise.</b>	Several examples of testimonials to the respect of the nominee by the campus community, departments, or colleagues in areas of expertise.	Some examples of testimonials to the respect of the nominee by the campus community, departments, or colleagues in areas of expertise.	Limited examples of and testimonials to the respect of the nominee by the campus community, departments, or colleagues in areas of expertise.	No evidence was provided.	/15
<b>The nominee has actively participated in their home institution, demonstrated significant and distinguished contribution or impact advancing Student Services.</b>	Several examples of how the nominee has been an actively engaged participant in their home institution, area of expertise, or additional relevant areas.	Some examples of how the nominee has been an actively engaged participant in their home institution, area of expertise, or additional relevant areas.	Limited examples of how the nominee has been an actively engaged participant in their home institution, area of expertise, or additional relevant areas.	No evidence was provided.	/15
<b>The nominee has enhanced the quality of student life or development through collaboration between their institution and local community.</b>	Several examples of enhancing the quality of student life or development through collaboration between instutiton and community.	Some examples of enhancing the quality of student life or development through collaboration between instutiton and community.	Limited examples of enhancing the quality of student life or development through collaboration between instutiton and community.	No evidence was provided.	/15
<b>Total Score: (Maximum 45 Points)</b>					<b>/45</b>