

## **AACUSS Student Leadership Award**

### **Description:**

The Student Leadership Award is designed to encourage the nomination of student leaders to participate and engage in the AACUSS annual conference. The Award celebrates significant accomplishments to a campus community and encourages student leaders to consider Student Services as a career option beyond graduation. The nominee demonstrates a commitment to the field of Student Services through their active role on their campus.

### **How to Apply/Nominate:**

- Submit the nomination **ONLINE** (form and a supporting letter of recommendation).
- Nominations for the Student Leadership Award must come from a current AACUSS member.

### **Criteria for Consideration:**

- The extent to which the student has made significant contributions to their campus community.
- The level of enthusiasm and support for the student as expressed in the nomination letter(s) of support.
- The potential and/or interest of the student in considering a career/future working in Student Services or other post-secondary roles.
- A description of how the student will participate and/or benefit from participation in the Annual Conference.

Nominations that recognize the contributions of racialized students, Indigenous students, and students with disabilities are strongly encouraged. Additional consideration will be given to nominations of underrepresented student leaders.

### **Award Details:**

The Award is for reasonable and relevant conference attendance costs at the AACUSS annual conference. The student will receive an award to be presented at the Annual Conference and/or the AGM. AACUSS will fund and book accommodations, travel, and conference registration, and cover food expenses at a maximum of the AACUSS per diem rates for travel\*. The student award winner will not be accountable for any financial costs. The award winner should be contacted at least TWO months ahead of the conference. This will allow the award winner time and planning to attend the conference.

*\*Receipts must be provided to the Treasurer and will be reimbursed for meals outside of those provided at the conference or those covered by AACUSS per diem rate. Accommodation will be provided at the lowest cost, usually at the host institution residences. Travel will be provided at the lowest cost option, and if carpooling is an option, it is encouraged.*

## AACUSS Student Leadership Award Rubric

The Student Leadership Award is designed to encourage the nomination of student leaders to participate and engage in the AACUSS annual conference. The Award celebrates significant accomplishments to a campus community and encourages student leaders to consider Student Services as a career option beyond graduation. The nominee demonstrates a commitment to understanding and growing in a variety of areas of the Student Services portfolio.

### Minimum Criteria Check

- The nominator has a current membership with AACUSS.
- Nomination letter, no more than 1000 words
- One (1) Support letter, no more than 500 words

Assessment Criteria	10 Excellent	5 Sufficient	2 Poor	0 No Evidence	
<b>The student has made significant contributions to their campus community</b>	Informative and succinct; provides specific details about their contributions to their campus community	Relevant, offers some details about their contributions	Lacks relevance or fails to offer appropriate details about contributions to their community	No answer provided	/10
<b>The nomination letter expresses enthusiasm and support for the student</b>	A high level of enthusiasm and support is expressed, with supporting rationale	A moderate level of enthusiasm and support is expressed, with supporting rationale	Some enthusiasm and support are expressed, with supporting rationale	No description provided	/10

<p><b>The nomination describes the potential and/or interest of the student in considering a career or future working in Student Services or another role in post-secondary</b></p>	<p>The student exhibits interest and enthusiasm in considering a career in Student Services or postsecondary education and the nominator can provide several examples of this.</p>	<p>The student exhibits some interest and enthusiasm in considering a career in Student Services or postsecondary education and the nominator shares an example of this.</p>	<p>There is little indication that the student has an interest in Student Services or postsecondary education and no examples are provided.</p>	<p>There is no indication that the student has indicated an interest in a career in Student Services or postsecondary education.</p>	<p>/10</p>
<p><b>The nomination describes how the student will benefit from attending the annual conference.</b></p>	<p>The nomination articulates several ways in which the conference will benefit the student.</p>	<p>There is some indication that the conference will benefit the students in some way.</p>	<p>Little indication that the conference will benefit the student in any way.</p>	<p>No evidence was provided.</p>	<p>/10</p>
<p><b>Nominations that recognize the contributions of racialized students, Indigenous students, and students with disabilities or underrepresented student groups will be given additional consideration</b></p>	<p>The applicant represents an intersection of underrepresented communities (i.e. institution type, region, and minority group)</p>	<p>The applicant represents one underrepresented region, institution type, membership group, etc.</p>		<p>No indication of underrepresentation</p>	<p>/10</p>
<p><b>Total Score: (Maximum 50 Points)</b></p>					<p><b>/50</b></p>

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