Ball State University
2016-2017

Senior Distinguished Service Award
for
Outstanding Community Service

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.”

~Rabindranath Tagore~

Award and Purpose
This award recognizes an outstanding graduating senior who has exhibited an exceptional commitment to community service as a volunteer during his or her undergraduate years at Ball State University. The recipient will receive a cash award of $1,000.

Eligibility
The applicant must be graduating with an undergraduate degree during the 2016/17 academic year (includes December 2016, May 2017 and July 2017 graduation dates). A fully completed application must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.

Application Deadline & Important Dates
Applicants must submit a completed application by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017.

- All Application Materials Due: March 20, 2017 (5 p.m.)
- Candidates Selected for Interview: April 2017
- Notification Letters Sent Out: Late April 2017
- Winner Announced at Commencement: May 6, 2017

Application Process
Applicants must submit ALL of the following items by 5 p.m. on March 20, 2017. Materials must be delivered to:
Office of Student Life
133 Pittenger Student Center
Muncie, IN 47306
Email: bewright3@bsu.edu
(765) 285-2621

Required Application Documentation
- Application Form
- Service Summary Form
- Reflection Statement
- Personal Learning Statement
- Academic Transcript
- Two Reference Forms
**Selection Criteria and Process**

A selection committee comprised of representatives from the Muncie community, Ball State faculty, staff, and Ball State students will review application materials, select and interview finalists and determine the 2016/17 awardee. Applications will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- The applicant’s impact through service on the population served.
- The applicant’s demonstration on an authentic and sustained commitment to service.
- The applicant’s service summary and statements effectively communicate and support the overall application.
- The applicant’s interview with a committee of Ball State and Muncie stakeholders.
- Two references that assess the applicant’s reliability, initiative, and team building among other categories.

**Past Recipients**

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Major</th>
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<td>Brandon Puszkiewicz</td>
<td>Social Work</td>
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<td>Jes Wade</td>
<td>Telecommunications</td>
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<td>Collette Spears</td>
<td>Ceramics, Psychology</td>
<td>Second Harvest &amp; Muncie Mission</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>Kipp Jones</td>
<td>Finance, Economics</td>
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<td>Brandi Terry</td>
<td>Journalism, Women’s Studies</td>
<td>SVS, Alternative Breaks, AmeriCorps</td>
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<td>Nikkia Jones</td>
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<td>Lyndsey Adams</td>
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Application Cover Sheet

Name__________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number_________________________        BSU ID#______________________________

Local Address________________________________________________________________________
(Street)                                       (City)                          (State)                      (Zip)

Permanent Address________________________________________________________________________
(Street)            (City)                     (State)              (Zip)

Major(s)                                                                             Minor(s)_______________________________

Career Intent                                                                      Cum. G.P.A.________________

E-mail (BSU)_______________________________      Anticipated Graduation Date____________

Statements: On separate pages, please write and attach two statements, not to exceed 400 words each, addressing the following prompts:

A. Reflection Statement: describe your most significant service experience as an undergraduate at BSU

B. Personal Learning Statement: describe how your community service/volunteer experience has contributed to your overall growth and education

ATTACHMENTS (Check):

_____ Service Summary Form listing community service/volunteer project involvement during your time at Ball State University (list project, date(s), sponsor/agency, and an explanation of what you did) Please use excel template.

_____ Reflection Statement

_____ Personal Learning Statement

_____ Two Reference Forms (from persons who can adequately describe or attest to your performance of community service and the benefits/outcomes derived by the community), delivered in sealed envelopes, signed across the seal on the outside by the person providing the reference, or emailed

_____ Academic transcript (unofficial is acceptable)

Due by 5:00pm on Monday, March 20, 2017 to the Office of Student Life, Student Center 133
Please list your service participation in the semester that it occurred. Your service should be listed in line with how you got involved with the service (fraternity/sorority, student organizations, personal initiative, class, etc.) Please explain each service project below or on a separate page. Attach this completed service summary to your application.
Senior Distinguished Service Award Reference Form

Applicant Name: ________________________________________________________________

Reference Name: ______________________________________________________________

In what capacity were you associated with the applicant, and since what date?
Please explain:
__________________________________________________________________________
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Please describe the scope of the applicant’s service and the benefits/outcomes of her/his service:
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** Please rate the applicant in the following areas by selecting a rating on the scale and including comments to detail your response.

| The applicant demonstrates initiative in the area of service (circle one). |
|________________________________________________________________________|
| Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Please explain: |
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| The applicant is reliable and responsible in her/his service role (circle one). |
|________________________________________________________________________|
| Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| Please explain: |
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The applicant demonstrates maturity and a respect for differences in her/his service (circle one).

Strongly Agree  Somewhat Agree  Neutral  Somewhat Disagree  Strongly Disagree

Please explain:

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The applicant has strong interpersonal skills and has built relationships through her/his service (circle one).

Strongly Agree  Somewhat Agree  Neutral  Somewhat Disagree  Strongly Disagree

Please explain:

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The applicant demonstrated ethical decision-making and professionalism during her/his service (circle one).

Strongly Agree  Somewhat Agree  Neutral  Somewhat Disagree  Strongly Disagree

Please explain:

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The application persevered to make her/his service impactful in the community (circle one).

Strongly Agree  Somewhat Agree  Neutral  Somewhat Disagree  Strongly Disagree

Please explain:

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please explain and attach another document as needed:

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