Ball State University
2015-2016

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, and their name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque displayed in the Office of
Student Life.

Eligibility
The applicant must be graduating with an undergraduate degree during the 2015/16 academic year (includes
December 2015, May 2016 and July 2016 graduation dates). A fully completed application must be received by
the deadline in order to be considered.

Application Deadline & Important Dates
All applicants must submit an application form and two letters of reference by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2016.
All Application Materials Due: March 25, 2016
Candidates Selected for Interview: April 2016
Notification Letters Sent Out: Late April 2016
Commencement: May 7, 2016

Application Process
Applicants must submit ALL of the following items by 5 p.m. on March 25, 2016.
- Application Form
- Service Summary Form
- Reflection Statement
- Personal learning statement
- Academic transcript
- Two reference forms

Materials must be delivered to:
Office of Student Life
133 Pittenger Student Center
Muncie, IN 47304
Email: lcmontove@bsu.edu
(765) 285-2621
Selection Criteria and Process

A selection committee comprised of Ball State faculty, staff, students and representatives from Muncie non-profit organizations will review application materials, select and interview finalists and determine the 2015/16 awardee. Applications will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- The applicant will effectively demonstrate the impact of her/his service both on the population served and on his/her own personal development.
- The application will effectively demonstrate an authentic and sustained commitment to service.
- The applicant’s service summary and statements will be reviewed for clarity, content and support of the overall application.
- The applicant’s interview with a committee of Ball State and Muncie stakeholders.
- Two reference checks 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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Application Cover Sheet

Name

Phone Number BSU ID#

Local Address

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Permanent Address

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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)

_____ 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 directly to lmontoye@bsu.edu

_____ Academic transcript ( unofficial is acceptable)

Due by 5:00pm on Friday, March 25, 2016 to the Office of Student Life, Student Center 133
### Senior Distinguished Service Award Service Summary

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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 organization, 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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