DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**RECENT GRADUATE OF THE YEAR AWARD
 NOMINATION FORM**

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**Eligibility Criteria:**
To be considered for the Recent Graduate of the Year Award, a nominee must meet the following criteria:

* Nomination is required and must be made by a financial member or an active chapter in good standing with the Delaware State University Alumni Association.  All nominations are confidential and must be forwarded to the Alumni Association’s Awards Committee for consideration. Self-nominations are acceptable.
* Only nomination forms that have been distributed or posted online by the Association are acceptable for submission.
* Nominee must have attended Delaware State University for at least one semester.
* Nominee must have graduated ten (10) or less years ago.
* Nominee must be a member in good standing with the Delaware State University Alumni Association.
* Nominee must have demonstrated continuing interest in and support of Delaware State University and the Delaware State University Alumni Association through contribution of time, talent, or resources.
* In addition to the nomination form, supporting supplemental material a vita, newspaper or magazine clippings, photos, letters, or other awards may also be submitted.  Copies of these materials are acceptable.

**Judging Criteria:**
Nominees for the Recent Graduate of the Year Award will be judged based on the below criteria:

* Contributions of time and talent to the Delaware State University Alumni Association – i.e. participation in events, activities, initiatives directly hosted by DSUAA (up to 10 points awarded)
* Contributions towards any fundraising activities or financial contributions made to the Delaware State University Alumni Association – i.e., payment of membership dues (up to 5 points awarded)
* Contributions of time and talent to Delaware State University – i.e. participation in events, activities, initiatives directly hosted by the University (up to 3 points awarded)
* Professional and business achievements (up to 3 points)
* Community involvement and other personal achievements (up to 3 points)

**Selection Methodology:** The Awards Committee, comprised of members of the Association’s National Board, DSUAA Chapters, and a representative from the University will review all nominations and make the final decision. Qualified applicants will receive a numerical rating based on the responses to the questions applicable to this award. These responses must be submitted along with any supporting documentation. **A photograph -preferably head and shoulder 300 dpi or higher must also accompany the application.** Applicants who do not respond to the application questions may be rated ineligible.  The candidate who receives the most points based on the criteria above will receive the award. The award recipient will be officially announced during the National Convention.

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| **Nominee Information** |
| Full Name |  |
| Street Address |  |
| City |  |
| State |  |
| Zip Code |  |
| Phone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |

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| **DSUAA Information** |
| Is the nominee currently a financial member of DSUAA? (Yes/No) |  |
| Is the nominee currently affiliated with a local chapter or affinity group? If yes, please name the local chapter/affinity group. |  |
| Have you held any leadership positions with in DSUAA? (i.e. National leadership positions, chapter/affinity group leadership, served as a committee member, volunteer experience, etc.) |  |

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| **Education History** |
| Years Attended DSU |  |
| Graduation Date(s) |  |
| Degree(s) Conferred |  |
| Other Institutions |  |
| Other Degrees |  |
| Certification Earned |  |
| Other Education History |  |

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| **Work History** |
| Current Occupation |  |
| Number of years in current position |  |
| Current Employer or Industry |  |
| If retired, former occupation/employer and years of retirement: |  |

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| **Narrative of Accomplishments (separate documents with responses may be attached to application)** |
| Describe nominee’s contributions of time and talent to the Delaware State University Alumni Association – i.e. participation in events, activities, initiatives directly hosted by DSUAA **(up to 10 points awarded)** |
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| Describe nominee’s contributions towards any fundraising activities or financial contributions made to the Delaware State University Alumni Association – i.e. this includes consistent payment of membership dues **(up to 5 points awarded)**  |
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| Describe nominee’s contributions of time and talent to Delaware State University – i.e. participation in events, activities, initiatives directly hosted by the University **(up to 3 points awarded)** |
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| Describe nominee’s professional and/or business achievements **(up to 3 points awarded)** |
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| Describe nominee’s community involvement and other personal achievements – i.e. this includes other organizations you may be a member of **(up to 3 points awarded)** |
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| Provide any additional comments in support of nominee. |
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| **Supporting materials (i.e. photos, magazine/newspaper articles, media releases, etc.) may be included to help support the narratives described below. A photograph must be included along with this nomination form**.  |

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| **Nominator Information** |
| Application submitted by: |  |
| Nominator Email Address: |  |
| Nominator Phone Number: |  |
| Signature of Nominator & Date of Submittal: |  |