

2018 Outstanding Senior



Application / Nomination Form

Completed form to be submitted to: Ms. Katie Share, share.9@osu.edu

Name:

Last

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Email:

Campus (aka Columbus) Contact Information:

Address - Street

City

State

Zip

Expected Graduation:

Phone - Columbus/Mobile #

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Major:

Total Hours Earned:

(as of the end of the Au2017 semester)

Home Contact Information:

Address - Street

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Home County

Name of Hometown Newspaper

Newspaper Address - Street

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

DUE – January 22, 2018 by 11:59 a.m.



Outstanding Senior

College of
Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Award Application/Nomination Form

The following guidelines have been prepared to assist in the selection of the awardees:

Purpose -	<p>To recognize those students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have excelled throughout their undergraduate experience (within and outside the classroom) in the areas of academics, service, and influence• can articulate how their experiences and accomplishments have prepared them to enter their profession and become a contributing member to meet ever-changing professional challenges and societal needs• have demonstrated growth, as students and future professionals, through accomplishments made within their department, college, university, community, and future profession
Eligibility -	<p>Any undergraduate student in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and the School of Environment and Natural Resources who will graduate during the calendar year of 2018 with a bachelor's degree is eligible for consideration. A student may apply only once for this award.</p>
Selection Criteria -	<p>Applicants must have a 3.00 cumulative GPA at the time of application. Accomplishments and the ability to communicate the results and impacts from their individual experiences in the areas of academics, service, and influence will serve as the primary evaluation factors for the selection of award recipients.</p>
Application Deadline -	<p>Applicants must complete and submit their nomination form on or before Monday, January 22, 2018 to Ms. Katie Share (share.9@osu.edu). The email date "received" time stamp will be used as verification of meeting the deadline.</p>
Interviews -	<p>Applications will be reviewed and screened by the Selection Committee and a selected group of students will be scheduled for an interview to be held in February. The final selection will be based on the information provided in the application (80%) and the interview (20%). Announcement of recipients will be made shortly after interviews are completed.</p>
Presentation of Award -	<p>Awards will be presented during the College's 2018 Outstanding Senior Student Recognition program to be conducted in late March, early April 2018.</p>
Selection Committee -	<p>The Selection Committee will be comprised of a faculty representative from each academic unit within CFAES.</p>
Application Forms -	<p>Available online for download from the Campus Life: CFAES Celebration of Students program page at:</p> <p>http://go.osu.edu/cfaes-celebration-of-students</p>
Questions? -	<p>Contact: Dr. Warren Flood at 614-247-6624 or flood.13@osu.edu -or- his Office Assistant Ms. Sarah Brower at 614-292-6541 or brower.31@osu.edu</p>

**Completed application packet to be submitted to: Ms. Katie Share, share.9@osu.edu
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As the College's premier undergraduate award, within your application make certain to showcase your personal and professional growth, distinguishing yourself by the impacts achieved. Provide examples from your undergraduate experience (within and outside of the classroom) in academics, service, and influence where you have excelled. Do not overlook any opportunity to include relevant experiences and information. Think expansively as you reflect upon what to include in each section of the application.

A complete application packet will include 3 pdf files:

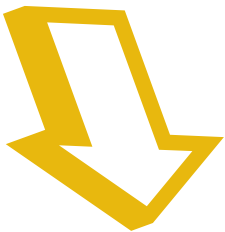
1. Your completed **application** form
(Contact information; Academics, Service, and Influence sections; Reflective essay)
2. A copy of your up-to-date **resume** (1-2 pages)
3. A copy of your current **advising report**

When completing the application form:

1. Make note of and adhere to the character limit (which includes spaces) for each section (if exceeded, that information will not be visible to the selection committee)
2. Include ONLY information related to your undergraduate career (Do NOT include information from high school) - transfer/transitioning students make certain to include information from your previous collegiate institution(s)
3. Should you have more examples than the space provided for any given section, list your strongest examples in the listing portion of the application but make certain to include other meaningful, consequential, or salient experiences in your narrative entry

Print a copy of your completed application form, for your records, prior to submission
IMPORTANT:

- 1.) **Save this application form to your computer** before starting to complete.
- 2.) After saving the document on your computer, open that copy of the document file.
- 3.) Complete the form. **You MUST use Adobe Reader** when completing this form (Apple users: **DO NOT** use "Preview" for completing this form for submission). Remember to save a copy of your completed form for your records.
- 4.) Attach a copy of your completed and saved application packet to an email to share.9@osu.edu.



REQUIRED - Approval for Release of Information:

By submitting this completed applications form, I authorize the release of the information on this form and from my academic record to the Selection Committee and, if selected as one of the award recipients, to my hometown newspaper (*GPA will not be released to the public*). I also affirm all information provided in this form is an accurate assessment of my participation and level of responsibility in the evaluation factors.

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Click check-box to agree

Date: _____

Month Day, Year



Academics (listing of experiences and accomplishments)

Examples may consist of, but are not limited to:

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| Participation in Honors program | Academic awards received |
| Membership in Honoraries | Research conducted |
| Academic Scholarships received | Classroom projects focusing on real-world experiences |
| Semesters on Dean's List | Publications |
| Education/Study Abroad experiences | Educational program(s) created and delivered |
| Scholarly works & activities | |

{In addition to completing this section of the application form, make certain to include a PDF copy of your present **Advising Report** with your application - from the Academic & Records file click on Advising Report on the BuckeyeLink page (<http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/>)}

There is no minimum number of examples you need to provide in this section. Think broadly about your academic experiences to create a well-rounded submission. If you do not feel you have as many specific examples to list as there are spaces provided, make certain to emphasize the significance of your overall academic experience and accomplishments within the *academics narrative essay* section. Should you have more examples than the space provided, list your strongest examples below, but feel free to refer to other meaningful experiences within your narrative essay for this section.

Date(s) of involvement <small>Month/Year - Month/Year</small>	Type of academic experience <small>- include the focus of the experience - share examples that relate to the above listing or enter other academic accomplishments you feel are meaningful</small>	Details of academic experience <small>- explain the purpose of activity - state your level of involvement - share how it was implemented - relate how it was shared with others - relay if you received any associated awards or recognition {share any additional pertinent information regarding the specific experience you are providing}</small>
(max 40 characters)	(max 100 characters)	(max 500 characters)
Example Jan/2013 - Mar/2014	Social Sciences research project - published paper within forum proceedings	My honors research project: "Employing Experiential Learning: Transforming Cross-Generational Communications Via Youth and Pets," focused on using companion animals as a vehicle for bridging the communications gap between generations was presented at the 2014 OSU Richard J. & Martha D. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum - others involved in this research included Linda Smith, Tom Jones & Dr. Joyce Henderson as project advisor

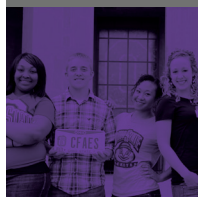
Academics (narrative essay)

Within the established character limit for this essay section, relate your overall undergraduate academic experience and share the impacts it has had on you during your undergraduate career.

- ◆ How have these experiences changed you as a person and prepared you to grow as a professional?
- ◆ How have the specific accomplishments listed above (and others, if you care to share) enhanced your personal and professional development?
- ◆ What are key challenges you see ahead in your profession and how have your academic experiences prepared you to address those challenges?
- ◆ Share noteworthy impacts, either for yourself or others, which resulted from your academic experiences.

(max 2,000 characters)

Selection Committee member's evaluation notes regarding applicant's 'Academics' materials.



Service (listing of experiences and accomplishments)

Examples may consist of, but are not limited to:

- Experiences in the form of service to a department, college, university, community, the nation, and/or society
- Volunteer service / Outreach activities
- Teaching (e.g. instructional assistant)
- Military service
- Leadership roles and responsibilities (within clubs, groups, and organizations)
- Engagement or work with service agency or organization
- Involvement in Service-Learning Initiative(s)
- Professional field (e.g. industry promotion, program implementation)
- Committees
- Citizenship
- Ambassador / Mentor
- Commitment (amount of time contributed to group, agency, or activity)

There is no minimum number of examples you need to provide in this section. Think broadly about your service experiences to create a well-rounded submission. If you do not feel you have as many specific examples to list as there are spaces provided, make certain to emphasize the significance of your overall service experience and accomplishments within the *service narrative essay* section. Should you have more examples than the space provided, list your strongest examples below, but feel free to refer to other meaningful experiences within your narrative essay for this section.

Start & End Dates Month/Year - Month/Year	Group / Agency/ Employer - name of the organization you were involved with during service experience	Time commitment - hours per week or month you served	Type of service experience - volunteer, community service, paid employment, etc.	Details of service experience - state your role [e.g. team leader, mentor, participant, member, coach, elected officer, etc.] - cite your responsibilities (duties performed while participating in or conducting service) - share your personal gains/accomplishments that resulted from your experience
(max 40 characters)	(max 100 characters)	(max 40 characters)	(max 60 characters)	(max 500 characters)
Example				
Jun/2013 - Dec/2016	Mid-Ohio Foodbank	approx.12hrs/wk	Volunteer	After volunteering as a member of the warehouse stocking crew for a year I was asked to serve as a "team leader" for warehouse inventory & stocking crew - which means I scheduled volunteers, supervised a volunteer crew, and compiled monthly inventory reports of on-hand nonperishable foodstuffs - seeing what a difference having a secure source of food can make in the lives of others has inspired me to also assist in establishing urban community garden programs

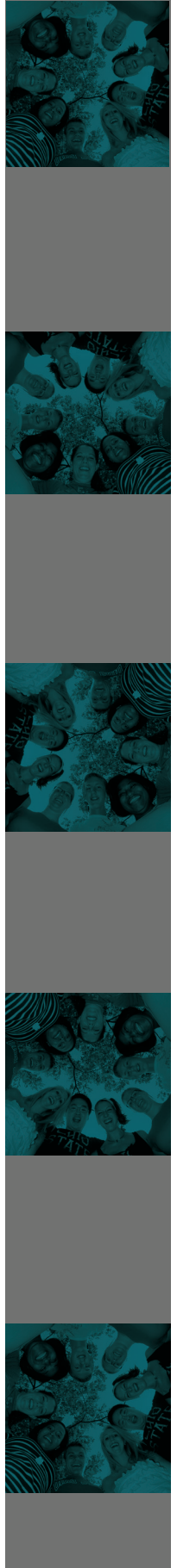
Service (narrative essay)

Within the established character limit for this essay section, communicate your overall undergraduate experiences that have been in “service” to others, to a cause, or your chosen profession.

- ◆ Relate examples that have resulted in changes you have made and reflect on these changes.
- ◆ Identify cases of “service” that have furnished you with a foundation for preparing to address future challenges.
- ◆ Include your celebrations and challenges associated with your service experiences that provided you with personal growth and professional development opportunities.
- ◆ Share noteworthy impacts, either for yourself or others, which resulted from your service experiences.

(max 2,000 characters)

Selection Committee member’s ‘Service’ evaluation notes.



Influence (listing of experiences and accomplishments)

Examples may consist of, but are not limited to:

- Leadership** roles and responsibilities (within clubs, groups, and organizations)
- Campus participation in events and activities (within department, college, university, and community)
- Community involvement (Columbus or other community)
- Education/Study Abroad experiences
- Work experience (paid or unpaid) and related responsibilities
- Examples of entrepreneurship
- Accomplishments (promotions / advancements)
- Internships, externships, fieldwork experiences, practicums (paid or unpaid)

{In addition to completing this section of the application form, within your application packet submission for evaluation, include a PDF copy of your up-to-date **Resume**}

There is no minimum number of examples you need to provide in this section. Think broadly about your influence experiences to create a well-rounded submission. If you do not feel you have as many specific examples to list as there are spaces provided, make certain to emphasize the significance of your overall influence experiences and accomplishments within the *influence narrative essay* section. Should you have more examples than the space provided, list your strongest examples below, but feel free to refer to other meaningful experiences within your narrative essay for this section.

Start & End Dates Month/Year - Month/Year	Group / Organization - department, school, college, university or community, group; professional society; Greek life; clubs; etc.	Time commitment - hours per week or month you served	Role / Responsibility - team leader, mentor, participant, member, coach, committee chair, officer, etc.	Details of service experience - state the nature of the unique experience - provide specifics about your participation with the group and its activities - share the impacts/results that were the consequences of your involvement
(max 40 characters)	(max 100 characters)	(max 40 characters)	(max 80 characters)	(max 500 characters)

Example

Sep/2015 - Apr/2016	"Celebrate Earth Day & Arbor Day with Ohio State" event planning team	Au2015 =appx3hrs/wk Sp2016 =appx6hrs/wk	Leader for lunchtime lecture series offerings discussion group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead group in identifying lecture series theme: "Religion and Sustainability" - Worked with other team members to identify presenters & panel participants for session offerings - Efforts resulted in two offerings during celebration week with 250+ total participants taking part in the two sessions
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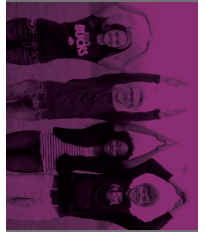
Influence (narrative essay)

Within the established character limit for this essay section, share the significance of your “influence” experiences that you have had during your undergraduate career.

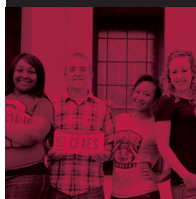
- ◆ Relate examples that have resulted in changes you have made and reflect on those changes.
- ◆ Identify “influence” experiences that have helped prepare you to address future challenges.
- ◆ Include your celebrations and challenges that provided you with personal growth and professional development.
- ◆ Share noteworthy impacts, either for yourself or others, which resulted from your influence experiences.

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Selection Committee member’s evaluation notes regarding applicant’s ‘Influence’ materials and Resume.



Reflection (narrative essay)



For the reflection essay, you will be asked to address one of five specific-themed questions (listed below). In your own words, share how your undergraduate career experiences have changed you and prepared you to address the future challenges of an ever-changing global society. Combine examples of your academics, service, and influence experiences that demonstrate your personal and professional growth. Elaborate on examples of where you have distinguished yourself, resulting in specific impacts which have made a difference for you, groups you have been involved with, your department, the College, the University, and/or the community at large. Highlight specific opportunities and challenges that served as a catalyst in making the choices that you have made. Convey how your personal resilience, tenacity, and/or the support you have been provided by others has afforded you the good fortune to not only be completing your degree program but to have excelled in the process.

Select one of the themed questions listed below to respond to when composing your reflective essay response.

- ☐ 1.) How will your college experiences help you effectively communicate and interact with others who have diverse viewpoints, perspectives, and/or backgrounds? Discuss your response in the context of your future profession.
- ☐ 2.) Discuss how exposure to diverse and perhaps opposing viewpoints, including those within our College (i.e. difference in field of study), have shaped your own perspectives, both professionally and personally.
- ☐ 3.) How have your college experiences changed you and prepared you to work with people outside your specific discipline in addressing challenges of a global community?
- ☐ 4.) Discuss what your college experiences have taught you about being a professional and the role service plays in professionalism. What does service to your future profession mean to you?
- ☐ 5.) “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” - Lao-tzu. Where are you headed on your journey? Discuss a pressing societal need that inspires you to make a difference in your chosen field. How do you plan to impact that “need” through your work?

Please place a check beside the question you will be using as the basis for response in your reflective essay. Please complete your essay response in the space provided on the following page.

Selection Committee member's evaluation notes regarding applicant's 'Reflection' essay.



Reflective Narrative Essay

(max 5,000 characters)