



2020 Student Involvement Awards Category Descriptions & Requirements*

Any Registered Student Organization (RSO) at USC Upstate can apply or be nominated for the following six Awards:

Student Organization Advisor of the Year

Emerging Leader of the Year

Student Organization Officer of the Year

Outstanding Student Organizational Program/Event

Spartan Spirit of Service (Community Service & Philanthropy/Fundraising)

John C. Stockwell Chancellor's Cup (RSO of the Year) - Sponsored by SGA

The Leon E. Wiles Humanitarian Award

The Multicultural Program of the Year Award

Nominations can be made by any student, faculty, or staff member at the University; however, individuals/organizations that are nominated **must be registered and in good standing with the University and Office of Student Involvement**, in addition to the criteria outlined in the individual descriptions. Members should coordinate their application efforts to avoid duplicate nominations (only the most recent submission will be reviewed by the Selections Committee). **All completed nominations must be submitted on Agora via the nomination forms (linked throughout the packet below) by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. No late submissions will be accepted.**

**The Office of Student Involvement reserves the right to not issue awards if there are not adequate or appropriate submissions received*

Advisor of the Year (1 Award)

The Advisor of the Year Award is designed to recognize an advisor who has made a significant contribution to both the student members and the organization as a whole. The Advisor of the Year Award will recognize an individual for their service, dedication, mentorship, compassion, consistency, and wisdom.

Award Criteria:

- Nominees must serve as a current Advisor to a registered student organization at USC Upstate, and must have served in this role for at least one semester.
- Nominees should display high involvement with their organization, in addition to a commitment to co-curricular education and student involvement at USC Upstate.

Required Documentation:

- Using the form linked, in well-constructed paragraphs, please be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - How has the nominee made significant contributions to the development of the organization's members?
 - How has the nominee made significant contributions to the organization?
 - How has the nominee demonstrated dedication, mentorship, compassion, consistency and wisdom?
 - Why else should the nominee be recognized as Advisor of the Year?
- Photo of the nominee

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-advisor-of-the-year>

Emerging Leader of the Year (1 Award)

This award is intended to recognize a member of a registered student organization who has established themselves as an invaluable member. This student will have served their organization with intense passion and infectious enthusiasm while supporting their organization to excel and create a positive impact on USC Upstate's campus community.

Award Criteria:

- Nominees must be a currently enrolled student at USC Upstate, and be a member of a registered student organization
- Nominees cannot currently serve as an officer within the nominating organization
- Nominees must be in good academic and social standing with the University
- Nominees must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Nominees should lead with integrity, motivate their peers, and demonstrate a commitment to the USC Upstate student experience

Required Documentation:

- Using the form linked, in well-constructed paragraphs, please be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - How does the nominee lead with integrity?
 - How does the nominee motivate their peers?
 - How does the nominee demonstrate a commitment to the USC Upstate student experience?
 - Tell us why the nominee should be named Emerging Leader of the Year?
- Photo of the nominee

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-emerging-leader-of-the-year>

Student Organization Officer of the Year (1 Award)

This award is intended to recognize an officer in a registered student organization who exemplifies service, commitment, and strong leadership qualities while supporting their organization. The student recognized will have made significant contributions to their student organization; by way of enriching the strengths of their student members through integrity and enthusiasm while taking initiative towards carrying their organization to new heights.

Award Criteria:

- Nominees must be a currently enrolled student at USC Upstate, and serve as an officer within a registered student organization
- Nominees must be in good academic and social standing with the University
- Nominees must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Nominees should lead with integrity, motivate their peers, and demonstrate a commitment to the USC Upstate student experience

Required Documentation:

- Using the form linked, in well-constructed paragraphs, please be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - How does the nominee lead with integrity?
 - How does the nominee motivate their peers?
 - How does the nominee demonstrate a commitment to the USC Upstate student experience?
 - How has this nominee, in their capacity as an organization officer, helped to move the organization forward?
- Photo of the nominee

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-student-organization-officer-of-the-year>

Outstanding Student Organizational Program/Event (1 Award)

This award recognizes a USC Upstate student organization-sponsored program or event that demonstrated excellence in planning and implementation, a commitment to the organization's purpose, innovation, and dedication to enhancing the quality of student programs at USC Upstate.

Award Criteria

- Nominees must be registered and in good standing with the Office of Student Involvement.
- Nominees must demonstrate active participation in the USC Upstate campus community through the sponsorship of its own events and participation in campus events.
- Nominees must demonstrate participation in community service/philanthropic events.

Required Documentation:

- Using the form linked, in well-constructed paragraphs, please be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - How does the nominated event support the purpose and further the mission of the organization?
 - How did the nominated event enhance the quality of student programs at USC Upstate?
 - How did the nominated event exemplify innovation?
 - What was the purpose of this event?
- A copy of the event flyer

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-outstanding-student-organizational-program>

Spartan Spirit of Service Award (2 Awards)

The Spartan Spirit of Service Award is designed to recognize student organizations that have demonstrated excellence in serving the greater community through the performance of volunteer hours.

Award Criteria

- Spartan Spirit of Service (Community Service): Nominees must demonstrate excellence in service through their performance of community service hours during the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Spartan Spirit of Service (Philanthropy/Fundraising Award): Nominees must demonstrate excellence in philanthropy through their reported philanthropic contributions during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Required Documentation:

- If applying for the Community Service Award:
 - Complete and upload the [*Spartan Spirit of Service Award template \(Community Service\)*](#)
- If applying for the Philanthropy/Fundraising Service Award:
 - Complete and upload the [*Spartan Spirit of Service Award template \(Philanthropy/Fundraising\)*](#)

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-spartan-spirit-of-service-award>

John C. Stockwell Chancellor's Cup (Student Organization of the Year) (1 Award)

This award recognizes a registered student organization that has demonstrated consistent activity, creativity, and initiative; has made meaningful contributions to the campus community; and has had a significant impact on the quality of the student experience at USC Upstate throughout the academic year. (Sponsored by SGA)

Award Criteria:

- Nominees must be registered and in good standing with the Office of Student Involvement.
- Nominees must demonstrate active participation in the USC Upstate campus community through the sponsorship of its own events and participation in campus events.
- Nominees must demonstrate participation in community service/philanthropic events.

Required Documentation:

- Using the form linked, in well-constructed paragraphs, please be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - Why should the nominated organization be named Organization of the Year?
 - How has the nominated organization demonstrated creativity and initiative?
 - In what ways has the nominated organization provided meaningful contributions to the campus community?
 - In what ways has the nominated organization had a significant impact on the quality of the student experience at USC Upstate?
- Complete and upload the [*John C. Stockwell Chancellor's Cup award template*](#)

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-john-c-stockwell-chancellors-cup-organization-of-the-year>

The Leon E. Wiles Humanitarian Award (1 Award)

The Leon E. Wiles Humanitarian Award is awarded to the Upstate student who advocates for diversity and inclusion through participation in campus activities or organizations, community groups, volunteer work or other forms of involvement or action. Nominate a student for the Leon E. Wiles Humanitarian Award.

Award Criteria:

- Must have an affiliation to an Upstate office, department or student organization
 - Affiliation must be named in nomination form

Required Documentation:

- Using the form linked, in well-constructed paragraphs, please be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - In what ways has this person advocated for diversity and inclusion (be specific)?
 - Is this person an active member of the USC Upstate community and how do you know this?
 - What impact has this person made on the lives of others?
- Photo of the nominee

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-the-leon-e-wiles-humanitarian-award>

The Multicultural Program of the Year Award (1 Award)

The Multicultural Program of the Year Award is presented to the Upstate office, department or student organization that engages its members and the campus community in educational activities that promote awareness, understanding and the appreciation of diverse people, cultures, and backgrounds. Nominate a Upstate office, department or student organization for the Multicultural Program of the Year Award.

Award Criteria:

- Must have an affiliation to an Upstate office, department or student organization
 - Affiliation must be named in nomination form

Required Documentation:

- Using the form linked, in well-constructed paragraphs, please be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - What is the Upstate office, department or student organization's mission/purpose?
 - What programs have they offered to educate the USC Upstate Community? (Names of events, and description of event)
 - Other than programming how else does this Upstate office, department or student organization promote awareness, understanding and/or appreciation of the diversity that exists on USC Upstate's Campus?
 - What impact has this Upstate office, department or student organization had on the USC Upstate community?

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://uscupstate.presence.io/form/saa-the-multicultural-program-of-the-year-award>