

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Student Involvement Awards

Student Organization of the Year

This award is open to all current recognized student organizations that are in good standing with the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership. Additional criteria for consideration include strong student leadership, sound recruitment and retention of members, a well defined purpose with meaningful organizational goals and objectives, and its impact on the quality of campus life through programs and services. *Organizations are allowed to nominate themselves for this award.*

Most Improved Student Organization of the Year

This award is open to all recognized student organizations that are in good standing with the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership. Additional criteria for consideration include an increase in the recruitment and retention of members, the number and/or scale of sponsored programs and the group's impact on the quality of campus life. *Organizations are allowed to nominate themselves for this award.*

Program of the Year

This award is open to all recognized student organizations that are in good standing with the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership. Nominated programs must be documented as a university-sponsored event, effectively planned and implemented, reflect the purpose of the sponsoring organization and support the mission of the university. Nominations should include detailed information about the purpose of the event, its intended audience and the program's outcome. *Organizations are allowed to nominate themselves for this award.*

Student Leader of the Year

This award is open to all students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and the ability to make a positive difference as a leader of a student organization at Northern State University. Additional criteria include integrity, sound communication skills, the ability to articulate a clear vision for their organization, their effectiveness in creating a motivating environment within the organization and making a positive impact on the quality of campus life. Please note significant accomplishments and document a measurable outcome of leadership in the nomination. *Self-nominations are not allowed.*

Student Organization Advisor of the Year

This award goes to the staff or faculty advisor who goes above and beyond the call of duty by providing the training, support and guidance necessary to insure students are able to take responsibility and ownership for their organization and activities. The advisor's time and experience aid the organization's efforts to improve the quality of campus life. *The nomination must come from a student. Advisors who receive pay or a stipend for this award are eligible.*

Community Service Project of the Year

This award is open to all community service projects or programs sponsored by a registered student organization. Additional criteria include creativity, effective use of available resources, detailed program plan and activity outcomes, and impact on the people, agency or site served. *Self-nomination is allowed for this award.*

Student Volunteer of the Year

This award is open to students who have demonstrated a significant commitment to serving others through volunteer work on campus, in the local community and beyond. Additional criteria include leadership, moral character and supporting and nurturing others. *Self-nomination is not allowed for this award.*

Senior of the Year

This award is open to graduating seniors (Class of 2020) with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher who have demonstrated active involvement within the campus community throughout their academic career at Northern State University. Additional criteria include campus involvement, community service, personal integrity, exemplary character, and a commitment to nurturing and fostering leadership the skills of other students. *Self-nomination is not allowed for this award.*

Freshman of the Year

This award is open to all freshmen students who are actively involved in campus organizations and activities. Additional criteria include a positive attitude, willingness to volunteer to support organization efforts and serving as a positive role model. Nominations may be made by a peer or recognized student organization. *Self-nomination is not allowed for this award.*

Student Employee of the Year

This award recognizes the efforts of a student who is employed on campus through work-study, student labor or Federal grant funded position. Work-study employees who are employed at off-campus sites are eligible for this award. A nominee must work ten hours per week and currently enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours. The nominee should demonstrate a desire to work above and beyond what is required of their job duties and maintains a professional work ethic at all times. *Nomination is allowed by staff, faculty or any individual that is served directly or indirectly by the nominated student employee. Self-nomination is not allowed.*