The President’s Award for Outstanding Freshmen - Spring 2015

The President’s Award for Outstanding Freshmen will be presented to 12 selected individuals who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership and service to the university community at the University of Oklahoma. This award is the highest honor bestowed to freshmen by the university community.

**WHO CAN APPLY?** To be eligible for consideration a student must be enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours) and must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours. Even if your hours completed may be at the sophomore level or higher, if you are a first year student, this is the award application you should complete.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of faculty, staff and students. Approximately 18-20 finalists will be invited for a 5-7 minute interview with the selection committee in late March. Twelve Outstanding Freshmen recipients will be selected from the finalists participating in the interviews.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS TO PREPARE, COPY and SUBMIT:**

**PAGE 1 & 2:** FOLLOW THE REQUIRED FORMAT ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES

*Campus Recognition Form* [CRF] as outlined in the attached sample and guidelines;

**PAGE 1** should contain only the required personal information at the top, education and grade information, family contact information, hometown newspaper, employment/internship experience, and honor statement.

**PAGE 2** should include ONLY your campus activities listed by each year, community involvement action statements listed by each year, and your honors, awards, and scholarships earned.

You should not use multiple columns to list activities/honors/etc. Do not use fonts smaller than 9.0.

**PAGE 3:** ESSAYS - Respond to the following two questions on one sheet total (single-spaced).

**Question 1:** Based on the one page you’ve attached that lists your activities, involvement, etc., what do you consider to be your most important accomplishment and/or community service experience and why?

**Question 2:** If you were to put together a survival pack for college, what would you include in it?

**PAGE 4+:** An unofficial copy of your transcript(s). This requirement may exceed one page.

**OPTIMAL RESUME**

It is recommended that you utilize the OPTIMAL RESUME program available on the Career Services Web site at [www.hiresooner.com](http://www.hiresooner.com) for creating pages 1-2. Optimal Resume will allow you to enter your application information and keep it on file for future access for campus recognition forms or to alter the information for professional resumes. However, if you choose to create your own application document via a word processing program instead of the Optimal Resume program, you must follow the exact format as provided in the attached sample. Detailed instructions for utilizing the Optimal Resume program for completing the CRF portion of the application may be found on the third page of this application packet. When using Optimal Resume to complete this application, you should input your information using the “Campus Recognition Form” format, NOT one of the professional resume formats available at the site. However, one of the professional resume formats should be used when applying for employment or special academic programs on campus.

Applications should be printed in black ink only on plain white paper.

**ALL COPIES SHOULD BE COLLATED and STAPLED.**

Return seven (7) complete copies of your application to STUDENT LIFE, OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL UNION 370 by 4:00 p.m. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

Questions concerning this application?

Contact: Dr. Becky Barker at 325-4020 or rreed@ou.edu

Leadership Development and Volunteerism, 900 Asp Ave, Oklahoma Memorial Union, Room 253, Norman, OK 73019
REQUIRED FORMAT:
NAME OF AWARD – Semester and Year

Joe A. Doe
jdoe@ou.edu
Current (405) 325-4020  Cell (405) 321-4567

Permanent Address
123 Lake Street
Happytown, OK 73072

Current Address
101 Sooner Street
Norman, OK 73019

EDUCATION
University of Oklahoma
Michael F. Price College of Business
Management Major, Spanish Minor
Cumulative Grade Point Average: 3.71
Anticipated Graduation Month/Year: May 20XX

Other Institutions Attended:
East Central University - Ada, Oklahoma
9 hours, 4.0 GPA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
John & Jane Doe
123 Lake Street
Happytown, OK 73072
(405) 321-4321
jdoe@younameit.com

Hometown newspaper: Happytown News
Name, as you want it to appear on award if selected: Julie A. Doe

Student ID #: 112112222
Gender: Female

Credit Hours Earned: 118
Number of Hours Currently Enrolled: 12

EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIPS
May, 20XX - May, 20XX
Sonic Drive-In, Happytown, OK
Part-time Carhop

May, 20XX - Aug., 20XX
Camp Longhorn, Burnet, Texas
Camp Counselor

May, 20XX - August, 20XX
Hallmark, Inc., Kansas City, MO
Marketing Intern

APPLICANT HONOR STATEMENT
"To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application packet is truthful and accurate. I verify that I have not been suspended for violations of the Academic Integrity Code, the Student Code of Rights and Responsibility or the Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, and Harassment Policy."

Signed ____________________________________________________________
ACTIVITIES
Freshman Year:
• Walker 12 Floor President
• Homecoming Volunteer with High School Bands
• University Sing and Sooner Scandals Participant
• Entrepreneurs Club Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Freshman Year:
• Spent three weekends constructing homes for Habitat for Humanity, November 20XX
• Participated in Big Event, March 20XX

HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS
• Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society
• P.A.C.E. Award: recognizes top 1% of students in freshman class
• Sooner Parents ScholarshipRecipient
Step-by-Step Instructions for
Campus Recognition Form in Optimal Resume
www.hiresooner.com

1) Go to www.hiresooner.com and click on the Student tab in the top left corner, which will take you to the student homepage. Once there, you can select “Services/Resources” under “Getting Started” in the left-hand column. If you scroll down the page, you can select Optimal Resume.

2) You will see a login page where you must login with your 4x4 and password to verify you are a currently enrolled OU student. After logging in, an Optimal Resume icon will appear, click the icon to access.

3) Once in Optimal Resume, click on “Create New Account” (if you already have an account with Optimal Resume, you can skip this step and go straight to step 4) make sure your pop up blocker is not on while in Optimal Resume. You will need to enter the OU passcode, which is sooners. You will then create your user profile, which is where you will complete your account and education section. Follow directions as instructed.

4) After you complete your account and education information, select “Create a New Resume”. Enter a name for your résumé and select “Start Resume”.

5) The “Browse Samples” box will appear, click “Continue”. Select Campus Recognition Form in the “Categories” box. A completed sample CRF will be viewable in the sample box below the “Categories” box. Click on the CRF sample and then click on “Use This Resume” at the top of the page.

6) Click on the Education section within the résumé template. Select “Save” once you have added all of your education information.

7) Click on the Additional Information section within the résumé template. “Save” once you have added all of your information.

8) Click on the Employment/Internships section within the résumé template. After you fill out the employer information, you can add additional information regarding your projects, tasks, responsibilities, etc. by adding bullet point descriptions. To do this, you can select the bullet points in the tool bar box. Select “Save” once you have added all of your jobs.

9) Once in the Applicant Honor Statement section, read statement carefully and sign once you print out your Campus Recognition Form to turn in.

10) Click on the Activities section within the résumé template. You may click on “Section Examples” located at the bottom on the right hand side under “Tools” if you are having trouble with preparing this section. Only include activities from your college experience. List your information for each year in college, beginning with your freshman year.

11) Click on the Community Involvement section within the résumé template. List your information for each year in college, beginning with your freshman year.

12) Click on the Honors, Awards, & Scholarships section within the résumé template. List your information for each year in college, beginning with your freshman year.

13) Once you have completed your CRF in Optimal Resume, you can preview your CRF by clicking on “Print Preview” at the top of the résumé. When you are satisfied with your CRF, click “Back to Builder” in the upper left hand corner.

14) After reviewing your résumé and using the “Spell Check” option in the column to the right, click on “Download” at the top of the résumé and select “Microsoft Word Compatible.” Once you are in Word, you can manipulate your margins; fix your format, etc. Make sure that you save your CRF in Word once your editing is complete.

15) Please insert the name of the award you are applying for as well as the semester and year at the top of the page.

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FORMAT AS OUTLINED ON THE SAMPLE. THIS MAY REQUIRE YOU TO PICK AND CHOOSE THE ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THAT HAVE BEEN MOST SIGNIFICANT TO YOU.