

Outstanding Student Award Application Instructions

To be considered for an Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student Award, you will need to

- complete a **Student Involvement Log (SIL)**, which is a record of your non-academic involvement while a student at Montana State University (or, if you are a transfer student, from other universities as well) and
- have a **GPA of 2.5 or better**.

An SIL is a self-generated document - no forms are used other than the one you create and turn in. Awards are given out at the annual Day of Student Recognition (DSR) ceremony to be held **Tuesday, April 21, 2009**. Note: Awards are given based upon year in college. If you submitted an SIL last year as a junior, for example, and still consider yourself a junior THIS year, you are not eligible to receive a junior award this year.

Criteria used in the peer review process will be (in order of importance)

- Contributions in the areas of **leadership**
- Involvement in **campus-wide activities**
- **Service** both on- and off-campus
- **Well-roundedness** (being involved in a variety of activities)

Student Involvement Log (SIL) Instructions

1. Type and print your SIL, carefully following the format indicated in the example SIL on page 3.
2. Put your name and references on the COVER SHEET ONLY!
3. Number each page of your SIL except the cover sheet and staple all pages together.
4. Don't forget to SIGN & DATE your COVER SHEET ONLY!
5. The maximum length of an SIL is four sheets (two double-sided or four single-sided pages) plus your cover sheet.

The deadline for submission of SILs is **Thursday, March 12, 2009 @ 4:00 PM** to SUB 222 (Office of Student Activities, across from the Ask-Us Desk).

Student Involvement Log Guidelines and Example

Please include the following information for each activity on your SIL:

- Title
- Dates of involvement (include semester and year)
- Level of involvement
 - Member – joined, attended some meetings
 - Participant – joined, attended some meetings, contributed through involvement beyond meetings
 - Leader – elected officer with responsibilities; fulfilled leader role on a project
 - Chairperson – head of a committee or group
 - Volunteer – participant donating time to an organization
 - Volunteer Coordinator – took leadership position to organize volunteers
 - Other – conference attendee or presenter, etc
- Description

The following are suggested categories of activities to report on your SIL:

- Special Interest – volunteer/community service; political, international, and/or cultural activities
- Awards and Scholarships
- Honorary – activities/membership for which academic status is a requirement
- Departmental
- Religious
- Student Government – ASMSU senate and committee involvement, RHA, Interhall
- Employment
- Recreational – physical/athletic activities (intramural, leisure, competitive, extra-curricular, non-competitive)
- Other – committees, conference attendance/participation, etc

Example SIL

Advocats

Fall 2007, Spring 2008

Participant

Work with recruitment of prospective MSU students through communications, campus tours, and MSU Fridays. Participated in Bowl for Kids' Sake and Habitat for Humanity service projects with group.

Circle K

Fall 2008

Participant

Attended weekly meetings and participated in several community service projects including Science Olympiad, Food Co-Op, and Festival of Trees. Attended Fall Leadership Training Conference. Total Service 8.5 hours.

Alpha Lambda Delta – National Freshman Honorary

Spring 2006 - Spring 2007

Participant

Attended monthly meetings as well as several concession stand fundraisers and club service projects. These projects included working with the Montana Conservation Core on the "M", "Caught Studying" and two club food drives.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) – National Honorary

Spring 2006, Fall 05, Spring 05, Fall 04, Spring 04

Participant and Leader

NSCS is a national organization and honor society with a chapter at MSU. Its mission is "Honoring and inspiring academic excellence and engaged citizenship for a lifetime." Membership is by invitation if the student is a first- or second-year student who ranks in the top 20% of his or her class and has a minimum GPA of 3.4. NSCS offers leadership positions, regional and national conferences, local volunteering opportunities, and more. I attend monthly meetings and sparse service projects such as our Ghana Book Drive. I currently serve as executive vice president. In the summer of 2004, I attended the NSCS National Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. and participated in many workshops and round-table discussions. While there, I also volunteered for 6 hours of renovation, painting, raking, cleaning, and restoration at a local park. I also had the pleasure of attending the 2005 Summit in Denver, CO. While there, I gave a 45-minute presentation on web design to a group of 30 members. I also spent four hours volunteering at our community service project cleaning up Bear Creek and Bear Valley Parks.

Society of Physics Students (SPS)

Spring 2006, Fall 05, Spring 05, Fall 04

Leader, Volunteer, and V. Coordinator

SPS is a national organization with a local chapter at MSU. Our focus is the outreach of physics and helping students get more involved with physics. I serve as president and formally served as treasurer and webmaster. I put on weekly meetings, organize and participate in fundraisers and social events, and take care of the managerial duties inherent in the president position. I have been heavily involved in the planning of a student trip to Washington to visit some science labs (PNNL and LIGO). I have spent many outside hours to improve the SPS room, update the website, put on movie nights, and keep members up

to date on events/scholarships/internships. I also donated old computer parts and time to assemble the computer for public and club access.

Planning Committee for Day of Student Recognition

Spring 2006

Chairperson

Served as the Co-Chair of the Selections Committee involving weekly meetings and outside hours.

Planning Committee for Campus Cleanup

Spring 2005

Other

I am serving as a representative for the Campus Cleanup planning committee. Duties include weekly meetings, delegating tasks to representative clubs, organizing and planning events for the cleanup, networking clubs and local government, and helping out wherever necessary.

Intramural Dodgeball

Spring 2006

Participant

Holzer Peak Performance

Fall 2005 (22 October 2005)

Other

Attended the annual conference as a delegate participating in leadership activities/workshops.