

Department of Human Relations Special Recognitions for Human Relations Students

The Department of Human Relations provides three Human Relations Special Recognitions for both undergraduate and graduate students who are admitted to the Human Relations program. They are **(1) Special Recognition for Volunteerism, (2) Special Recognition for Leadership Recognition, and (3) Special Recognition for Student Research**. Eligible students are those who are fully admitted to the University of Oklahoma Human Relations program, in good academic standing, and meet the criteria below:

1. Special Recognition for Volunteerism

Human Relations students who contribute their time and effort inside and outside of OU are prospective candidates for this recognition. This contribution can be in the form of volunteer work, activism, or advocacy on community issues or public service. Nominees can be individual students or a group of students. Students can nominate themselves, but preference will be given to students who are nominated by their peers, supervisors, or Human Relations faculty members.

Criteria for Volunteerism Recognition:

1. Demonstrates consistent effort to collaborate with others on community initiatives (awareness campaign, fundraising activities, etc.)
2. Collaboration encompasses issues pertaining to dimensions of diversity: race, ethnicity, religion, gender, ability, social-economic, sexual orientation, and other cultural identities.
3. Serves as a model of citizenship and represents OU's active role in the community.

Nominee Eligibility Requirements:

1. Nominees must have completed at least 12-credit hours in Human Relation courses.
2. Nominees must have a minimum GPA of 3.5.
3. Nominees must be in good standing (i.e., adhere to codes of conduct) with the Human Relations program.
4. Nominees must provide two (2) reference letters: from a peer and supervisor. Reference letters are to include evidence of nominees' community collaboration, description of the specific initiative on which the nominees are working, and attest to the students' positive conduct and contribution. The individual who nominates the students may provide one of the two reference letters.
5. Nominees must submit a statement that describes the ways in which they meet the criteria for Volunteerism Recognition. The explanation must be typed and not exceed 350 words.

2. Special Recognition for Leadership

Human Relations students who demonstrate exceptional leadership and advance the ideals of the Department of Human Relations are prospective candidates for this recognition. Nominees can be individual students or a group of students enrolled in the Human Relations program. Students can nominate themselves, but preference will be given to students who are nominated by their peers, supervisors, or Human Relations faculty.

Criteria for Leadership Recognition:

1. Creatively addresses a social issue or concern that advances the Human Relations principles in the larger community.
2. Through outreach, collaborates with fellow students and community members to address important social issues.
3. Demonstrates personal leadership in a way that measurably impacts the community. Specifically, nominees have created opportunities for others to produce results (recruited volunteers, raised funds, organized campaigns, etc.).

Nominee Eligibility Requirements:

1. Nominees must have completed at least 12 credit hours in Human Relations.
2. Nominees must have a minimum GPA of 3.5.
3. Nominees must be in good standing with the Human Relations program.
4. Nominees must provide two (2) reference letters: from a peer and supervisor. Reference letters are to include evidence of nominees' personal leadership ability, description of the specific initiative on which the nominees are working, and attest to the students' positive conduct and contribution. The individual who nominates the students may provide one of the two reference letters.
5. Nominees must submit a statement that describes the ways in which they meet the criteria for Leadership Recognition. The explanation must be typed and not exceed 350 words.

3. Special Recognition for Student Research

Outstanding Human Relations students who excel academically are prospective candidates for this recognition. This recognition specifies exceptional work in areas of research and includes but is not limited to presentation of research at local, state, regional, national, or international conferences. Nominees can be individual students or a group of students. Students can nominate themselves, but preference will be given to students who are nominated by their peers, supervisors, or Human Relations faculty.

Specific Scholarship Award Criteria:

1. Demonstrates outstanding academic insight and superior research skills.
2. Advances the scholarly achievements of the Human Relations program through research endeavors and scholarly collaboration.
3. Provides evidence of research project and/or presentation.

Nominee Eligibility Requirements:

1. Nominees must have completed at least 12 credit hours in Human Relations.
2. Nominees must have a minimum GPA of 3.7
3. Nominees must be in good standing with the Human Relations program.
4. Nominees should provide two (2) reference letters: from a peer and supervisor. Reference letters are to include evidence of nominee's research skills and scholarly collaboration, description of the specific project on which the nominee has presented, and attest to the student's positive conduct and contribution. The individual who nominates the student may provide one of the two reference letters.
5. Nominees must submit a statement that describes the ways in which they meet the criteria for Research Recognition. The explanation must be typed and not exceed 350 words.

Submission Guidelines

Nominees must complete the Special Recognition for Human Relations Students application, which requires students to:

- identify the specific recognition for which they are nominated;
- identify the name and contact information (mailing address, e-mail address, phone number) of the individual who has nominated them;
- submit a typed statement (not to exceed 350 words) explaining the ways in which they meet the specific 'special recognition' criteria for which they are nominated; and
- submit two reference letters from a peer and supervisor, Reference letters are to include evidence of nominees' community collaboration, description of the specific initiative on which the nominees are working, and attest to students' positive conduct.

Special Recognition application due: February 1.
Submit completed application to Dr. Jody Worley

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