

January 14, 2019

Dear Excellence in Leadership Award-Eligible student:

We are pleased that you have chosen to learn more about the St. Cloud State University Excellence in Leadership Award. This award recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to the university and community, and also challenges you to reflect on your leadership and growth experiences while at St. Cloud State.

- **Students who best meet the requirements** will be awarded the University Award for Excellence in Leadership at the April 14, 2019 Excellence in Leadership Banquet

To be eligible for consideration, you must submit:

- **The Excellence in Leadership application**, which includes academic information, up to 5 reflective statements and a description of involvement, volunteer service, and other activities. This application is available online at: <http://www.stcloudstate.academicworks.com/opportunities/7517>. The application must be completed using this online form.
 - **Access the form by entering your StarID and password**
- Additionally, a University Faculty or Staff Member must complete the Excellence in Leadership Nomination Form on your behalf. When completing your application, you will provide the name and email address of the Faculty or Staff member who is nominating you. The system will then auto-generate an email to the nominator prompting them to upload their letter. **Please contact these nominators as soon as possible to give them plenty of time to complete your letter.** In Huskies Scholarships, once you enter the email address and save your application, a notification will be sent to your nominator so you don't need to complete your entire application prior to notifying. Please also ensure the spelling of the email address is correct or the form cannot be sent.
- An application will not be considered unless both the student and nominator portions are completed

The deadline for applications is Monday, February 11, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. The application form must be completed and submitted online by this time. Letters of reference can be uploaded to the application site by the reference.

All applicants will be notified of their status by March 15, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Campus Involvement at 320-308-2205 or e-mail to campusinvolvement@stcloudstate.edu.

Best of luck to you!

Sincerely,

David L. McCandless
Assistant Director of Campus Involvement

Eligibility Criteria

You must have student status during the current academic year. Current students who meet the below-listed requirements, as well as Fall 2018 graduates, are eligible to apply. *Previous winners of the Excellence in Leadership award are not eligible to apply.* Please review the following criteria:

Undergraduate Eligibility	Graduate Eligibility
<p>To be eligible for this award, you must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher at the undergraduate level; • Have 90 completed semester graduate credits by the end of Fall 2018 (minimum of 36 credits earned at SCSU). Currently enrolled courses do not count. 	<p>To be eligible for this award, you must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher at the graduate level; • Have earned 18 semester graduate credits by the end of Fall 2018 (minimum of 18 graduate credits earned at SCSU). Currently enrolled courses do not count.

Dennis M. Thayer Leadership Award and Scholarship

The Dennis M. Thayer Leadership Award celebrates excellence in leadership among leaders. The award is given to the student receiving the highest score in the Excellence in Leadership Awards process. It is in memory of a man employed by SCSU who, in his brief lifetime, demonstrated the highest level of regard for leadership, by all and for all. The recipient of this award receives a \$500 scholarship.

A COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION WILL INCLUDE:

✓		
	Application	Complete, signed application
	Reflective Statement	Response reflective statement, 750 words. Content will be evaluated for depth and breadth of impact as well as clarity of expression.
	Campus Activities and Volunteer Service	You will have the opportunity to list and describe up to 5 campus and community leadership and/or service experiences. Judges will be evaluating the impact of your involvement on campus as well as on you as an individual.
	Faculty/Staff/Community Nomination Form	<p>One nomination form from a faculty, staff member, or community partner, detailing the applicant's service to and impact on SCSU and the St. Cloud community. To be uploaded by the reference at www.stcloudstate.edu/huskiesscholarships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Must be from a faculty/staff member, adviser or officer of an organization, or a supervisor of community projects or activities
		+++++
		<p>Double-check your application to ensure that it is complete. (If your application is missing required items, it will not be considered for an award.) <u>Submit your complete application via the online form by Monday, February 11, 2019, at 11:59 p.m.</u></p>

TIPS ON COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process allows you to reflect on your growth and development as a leader while at St. Cloud State University. Therefore, please demonstrate evidence of leadership as a St. Cloud State student (on-campus and/or in the community). An application will be considered complete for review if it has the following:

	Item	How this is evaluated
✓	Two letters of recommendation (<u>request at least one month prior to application deadline</u>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be from a faculty/staff member, adviser or officer of an organization, or a supervisor of volunteer service projects, internships, or other community engagement activities 	Find references that can speak to your leadership abilities. It is likely that they know about you and your abilities in ways that go beyond the formal application. The letter is a chance for your reference to share how you have impacted people, organizations and communities through your leadership efforts, primarily at St. Cloud State University.
✓	Complete application form	Answer all of the questions.
✓	Response to two reflective statements listed on the application. Each question will be underlined and your response will be limited to 500 words for <u>each</u> question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth of response to the questions asked. • Quality of written response. Remember, this is your best work! A well-written response will be free of spelling errors and will be grammatically correct, well-organized, and easy to read and understand.
✓	Impactful Experiences with Campus Involvement and Volunteer Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the awards committee to fully appreciate your involvement, spell out all acronyms and briefly describe your experiences/involvement. Do not assume the readers are familiar with your organization, involvement, awards, and recognition. • List only achievements undertaken while at SCSU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each activity, a description (175 words max) of your involvement including an explanation of how your involvement in this organization impacted your own development and benefitted the campus and/or St Cloud community. • You will not be scored based on the quantity of your involvement, but on your ability to articulate the impact of your involvement: How did you grow, learn, or develop? How did you contribute to the growth, learning, or development of others? How did the community benefit from your involvement?

USE StarID AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE
 AT: www.stcloudstate.academicworks.com/opportunities/7517.

	Item	How this is evaluated
✓	<p>One nomination form from a faculty, staff member, or community partner, detailing the applicant’s service to and impact on SCSU and the St. Cloud community. To be uploaded by the reference at www.stcloudstate.edu/huskiesscholarships).</p>	<p>Find a nominator that can speak to your leadership abilities. It is likely that they know about you and your abilities in ways that go beyond the formal application. The letter is a chance for your reference to share how you have impacted people, organizations and communities through your leadership efforts, primarily at St. Cloud State University.</p>
✓	<p>Complete application form</p>	<p>Answer all of the questions.</p>
✓	<p>Response to a reflective statement, approximately 750 words</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth of response to the questions asked. • Quality of written response. Remember, this is your best work! A well-written response will be free of spelling errors and will be grammatically correct, well-organized, and easy to read and understand.
✓	<p>Impactful Experiences with Campus Involvement and Volunteer Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the awards committee to fully appreciate your involvement, spell out all acronyms and briefly describe your experiences/involvement. Do not assume the readers are familiar with your organization, involvement, awards, and recognition. • List only achievements undertaken while at SCSU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each activity, a description (175 words max) of your involvement including an explanation of how your involvement in this organization impacted your own development and benefitted the campus and/or St Cloud community. • You will not be scored based on the quantity of your involvement, but on your ability to articulate the impact of your involvement: How did you grow, learn, or develop? How did you contribute to the growth, learning, or development of others? How did the community benefit from your involvement?

USE StarID AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE
 AT: www.stcloudstate.academicworks.com/opportunities/7517. Access using StarID and Password

St. Cloud State University Excellence In Leadership Award Nomination Form

Since 1988, the St. Cloud State University Excellence in Leadership Award has recognized students for outstanding contributions to the university and community **while at St. Cloud State**. Individuals who best meet the requirements will be awarded the University Award for Excellence in Leadership at the April 14, 2019 Excellence in Leadership Banquet

The Excellence In Leadership Committee welcomes nominations for outstanding students who meet one of the following criteria:

Undergraduate Eligibility	Graduate Eligibility
To be eligible for this award, you must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher at the undergraduate level;• Have earned 90 semester graduate credits by the end of Fall 2018 (minimum of 36 credits earned at SCSU)	To be eligible for this award, you must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher at the graduate level;• Have earned 18 semester graduate credits by the end of Fall 2018 (minimum of 18 graduate credits earned at SCSU)

Current students who meet the below-listed requirements, as well as Fall 2018 graduates, are eligible to apply. *Previous winners of the Excellence in Leadership award are not eligible to apply.*

Nominator Information

Multiple Nominators are allowed, but please designate a primary contact

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Primary Nominator Contact Email: _____

Title(s)/Role(s): _____

NOMINEE NAME: _____ and SCSU Email: _____

How do you know the nominee? _____

Thank you for nominating an applicant for the St. Cloud State University Excellence in Leadership Award. Students will be evaluated on the following:

- A description of their most impactful experiences with involvement in organizations, service and volunteer opportunities, development activities, and other leadership activities in the SCSU/greater community during their time as a student.
- Demonstrated focus on academics, meeting the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for undergraduate students and 3.5 for graduate students.
- A reflective statement discussing how they have developed as a leader, their impact on others in their organizations, and how they will use their leadership skills in the future

It is likely that you know about this person and his/her abilities in ways that go beyond the formal application. Your Nomination Form is a chance to share how you have seen the applicant impact people, organizations and communities

USE StarID AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE

AT: www.stcloudstate.academicworks.com/opportunities/7517.

through their leadership efforts here at St. Cloud State University. Nomination Forms are due by Monday, February 11, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. **Please submit via email to dlmccandless@stcloudstate.edu or via the online form emailed to you from the Huskies Scholarships system (if the student has already started their application).**

Our Husky Compact is a bond shared by St. Cloud State and its students. It is a commitment we make to our students and students make to their education that will prepare them to be global citizens of the 21st Century.

As graduates of St. Cloud State, you will be prepared for a life of intellectual, professional and personal fulfillment with the skills to discover and apply new solutions to challenges and opportunities through risk-taking, innovation and imagination.

Lifelong growth and development along the dimensions of Our Husky Compact will prepare all members of the St. Cloud State community to reconsider the world around them.

- 1. Think Creatively and Critically: The ability to think creatively and critically is core to overcoming challenges**
- 2. Seek and Apply Knowledge: Encouraging independence, informed decision making, open-mindedness and motivation**
- 3. Communicate Effectively: Relationship building, conflict resolution, proficiency in teamwork - all require effective communication**
- 4. Integrate Existing and Evolving Technologies: Technology is used every-day to improve efficiency, better balance work/life and access information**
- 5. Engage as a Member of a Diverse and Multicultural World: We are members of a global society impacted by a global economy**
- 6. Act with Personal Integrity and Civic Responsibility: Nurturing ethical and productive difference-makers**

Nomination essays are 500-750 words and must address up to three of the Our Husky Compact Outcomes listed above. Activities mentioned in the essays must take place while the nominee was a student at SCSU. The nomination essay should provide clear examples of ways that the student demonstrated leadership.

The nomination essay should include details regarding the student's leadership strengths, accomplishments, and contributions to the University and greater community in relation to up to three Our Husky Compact Outcomes. If referring to contributions that are required as part of their employment, please explain their effort beyond the expected duties of the position.

USE StarID AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE

AT: www.stcloudstate.academicworks.com/opportunities/7517. Access using StarID and Password