



# TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Division of Student Affairs

## Guidelines for Diamond Awards

The Diamond Award is the highest recognition given by the Division of Student Affairs to a select number of Temple University students. This recognition is based on a holistic evaluation of each student's accomplishments. The Award is reserved for those who have demonstrated superior leadership, academic achievement, service to the University, and impact on a community (local, regional, or global). Through their leadership, it is clear that they are set apart from others as especially deserving of this unique honor. Award recipients are recognized at the Annual Diamond Award Ceremony.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based on a complete application packet and the following award criteria:

- a. **Academic excellence.** Undergraduate applicants must maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average while enrolled at Temple. Minimum grade point averages are a single component of the selection process; academic excellence also includes students' demonstration of a passion for learning, willingness to explore new ideas, and creative application of knowledge to real-world solutions. Academic excellence is a demonstration of the applicant's intellect and commitment to education.
- b. **Service to the University.** Service to the University involves providing leadership and support to service initiatives that benefit the University community, the state of Pennsylvania, the nation, and/or the world. Service may include, but is not limited to, involvement in a student organization(s), volunteering in the Temple community or abroad, positional leadership on campus or in the community, and employment on-campus. Preference is given to applicants who provide *leadership* for service initiatives, act with *integrity* while serving, and represent Temple University with *pride*.
- c. **Impact.** Applicants will be evaluated based on the overall impact of their work to the University, the community, and the world. An applicant's contribution or service should produce a positive change for others. Areas of impact may include, but are not limited to, academic fields of study, social change, cultural awareness, and/ or environmental preservation.
- d. **Leadership.** The applicant demonstrates effectiveness as a leader on- and off-campus. Leadership is about empowering others, challenging the process, and creating a positive change. Leadership is not strictly positional; it also involves followership and being a good team player.

## COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE

A complete application package will include:

- a. An application form (See Diamond Awards Application Form)
- b. Two letters of recommendation from a Temple faculty, staff, or community leader. Recommendations must be from individuals familiar with the applicant and his or her accomplishments. One letter of recommendation must come from an **academic representative** (e.g., academic advisor, faculty member/ mentor, academic program director). Letters of recommendation from other students will not be accepted.
- c. A current resume, not to exceed two pages. Resumes that exceed limits will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee.
- d. Response to one of two essay questions (see Diamond Award Application Form), not to exceed two pages. Essays that exceed limits will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Diamond Award applicants will be evaluated by a Selection Committee composed of Temple University staff and faculty members. The committee will be selected by the Vice President for Student Affairs and chaired by the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

1. Applicants will complete the Diamond Award Application Form along with relevant materials and deliver to: Dean of Student's Office, 304 Student Center, Philadelphia, PA 19122 or email to deanofstudents@temple.edu.
2. Applicants must be free of disciplinary sanctions and meet minimum grade point average requirements to be forwarded to Selection Committee.
3. The Selection Committee will review application materials and select recipients.
4. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision via email.
5. Recipients must RSVP for Diamond Award Ceremony and may invite up to two family members.

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Applicants must be classified as junior (60-89 credit hours) or senior (90+ credit hours) status.
2. Applicants must have been enrolled at Temple for at least one academic year.

3. Applicants graduating during the term of application must be enrolled for at least the number of hours required for graduation.
4. Applicants must be free of University disciplinary sanctions.
5. Undergraduate applicants must have a minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA. Applications from students with GPA's below these minimum requirements will not be considered.
6. Applicants agree by participating in the process to have their academic and discipline records examined by the Selection Committee.
7. Applications that are incomplete in any way or submitted after the deadline will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee.
8. Diamond Award forms can be downloaded at:  
[www.temple.edu/diamondawards/](http://www.temple.edu/diamondawards/)

Questions about this process should be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students at (215) 204-7188, or send an email to the Selection Committee Chair at [deanofstudents@temple.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@temple.edu).

### **Application package checklist**

- Resume, not to exceed two pages**
- Two letters of recommendation, (one must come from an academic representative)**
- Essay response, not to exceed two pages**

**ALL MATERIALS DUE BY: THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009 BY 5:00 P.M.  
RETURN TO 304 Student Center**