

Award Descriptions and Criteria

Hedgeman Honors & Awards

SUPERLATIVE AWARDS <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Outstanding First-Year Student➤ Outstanding Sophomore Student➤ Outstanding Junior Student➤ Outstanding Senior Student<ul style="list-style-type: none">- excellence in service, leadership and scholarship OTHER AWARDS <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Hamline University Racial Justice Award	TOP AWARDS <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Outstanding Faculty Award➤ Outstanding Staff Award➤ Outstanding Ally Award➤ Barbara Simmons “Eagle” Award➤ Merv Meyers-Jeff Nash Scholarship➤ Pat Paterson Endowed Prize in Leadership➤ Leavy Oliver Director’s Award➤ Student Organization of the Year
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The Barbara Simmons “Eagle” Award is given to a senior undergraduate student of color who has succeeded in scholarship, service and leadership at Hamline University. The recipient of this award will be well-rounded in these three areas and will have contributed to making Hamline University a more inclusive, welcoming, and supportive community. There is a required minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for this award.

The Merv Meyers-Jeff Nash Scholarship was established by Dwight P. Joyner (CLA '86) in honor of Professor Merv Meyer and his partner Jeff Nash. This award is given to an undergraduate junior or senior student with financial need who is self-proclaimed lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender student, and is actively involved in community service. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated a legacy of service to the LGBTQIA and Hamline University communities. There is a required minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for this award.

The Pat Paterson Endowed Prize in Leadership is awarded to an undergraduate female senior student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability. An active and engaged member of the Hamline University community, the recipient will have been involved in various leadership experiences, opportunities and responsibilities and will have distinguished herself by an exceptional legacy of leadership. There is a required minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for this award.

Outstanding Faculty Award is given to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to increasing awareness and sensitivity on campus concerning diversity, inclusion and social justice through:

- education of self and others;
- participation in events, programs, and activities addressing diversity and social justice issues;
- advocacy with and on behalf of targeted communities; and
- incorporating diversity, inclusion and social justice issues into their teaching, scholarship and/or service.

The ideal recipient will also have demonstrated a commitment to welcoming and supporting students from marginalized racial, ethnic, cultural, gender and sexual orientation identities.

Outstanding Staff Award is given to a staff member who has made significant contributions to increasing awareness and sensitivity on campus concerning diversity, inclusion and social justice through:

- education of self and others;
- participation in events, programs, and activities addressing diversity and social justice issues;
- advocacy with and on behalf of targeted communities; and
- incorporating diversity, inclusion and social justice issues into their work.

The ideal recipient will also have demonstrated a commitment to welcoming and supporting students from marginalized racial, ethnic, cultural, gender and sexual orientation identities.

Outstanding Ally Award is given annually to an undergraduate student who works to address issues of diversity, inclusion and social justice through:

- education of self and others;
- participation in events, programs, and activities addressing diversity and social justice issues;
- advocacy with and on behalf of targeted communities; and
- organizing around diversity, inclusion and social justice issues for sustainable change at Hamline University.

The ideal recipient will be a member of a historically empowered population who works to address discrimination and oppression experienced by individuals from marginalized racial, ethnic, cultural, gender and/or sexual orientation identities.

AWARDS GIVEN OUTSIDE FORMAL NOMINATION PROCESS

The Leavy Oliver Director's Award is given to recognize significant contributions in helping our office achieve our mission of creating and sustaining an inclusive community that appreciates, celebrates and advances student and campus diversity at Hamline University. This award, selected by the director of the office, is not given annually but periodically to recognize the contributions, leadership and service of a worthy faculty, staff, student or university department.

The Multicultural Alliance Student Organization of the Year Award is given annually to a student organization that has made significant contributions in helping our office achieve our mission of creating and sustaining an inclusive community that appreciates, celebrates and advances student and campus diversity at Hamline University. This award, selected by the multicultural alliance coordinator and office staff, is given to a student organization that has:

- Maintained active membership in the Multicultural Alliance by participating in at least 75% of the meetings and activities;
- Assumed leadership in Alliance activities;
- Demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in the university and surrounding communities;
- Implemented successful diverse initiatives inclusive of social, cultural, educational and advocacy programs and activities;
- Intentionally and proactively collaborated with other student organizations;
- Achieved success in recruiting and retaining new and returning members leading to the empowerment of new student leaders; and
- Implemented activities throughout the entire academic year that support the missions and goals of the organization and our office (e.g., programming, meetings, service initiatives, leadership development, fund-raising, advocacy, diversity education and student support endeavors).

AWARDS GIVEN AT UNDERGRADUATE HONORS DAY

The Racial Justice Award is given to the student whose leadership and involvement in campus activities, programs and organizations has enhanced understanding, respect and appreciation among members of different races and strengthened race relations on campus. Students receiving this award will:

- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate in a degree seeking program with sophomore, junior or senior class standing;
- Have achieved a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average;
- Have a distinguished record of involvement and leadership in campus activities, programs and organizations