QUEST FOR THE BEST – VICE PRESIDENTIAL STUDENT SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION

Introduction
Quest for the Best is an annual event recognizing outstanding SDSU student leaders who have typified and promoted the broader mission of this university. A panel of faculty, staff, and past Quest winners evaluate candidate applications, interview the finalists, and select the award recipients. Students are assessed on academic excellence, student involvement and commitment, and off campus community service. Also considered are leadership qualities and development that reflect initiative, advancement of intercultural understanding, and evidence of positive, ethical decision-making styles.

The Quest for the Best awards are presented at a gala banquet in April. Each Quest for the Best winner nominates the SDSU professor or mentor who has made the most significant contribution to their personal growth. The ceremony is attended by winning students, two special guests of each winner, and the faculty/staff honorees. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Quest for the Best and all former honorees will be invited back to campus.

Nominations are open to regularly enrolled SDSU students who have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and have completed at least one year at SDSU and at least 75 units of college work.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Part I: Please email the following 6 Word documents to Chelsea Winer in Student Life & Leadership at cwiner@mail.sdsu.edu. Please save Word documents in the “.doc” format.

- Do not submit any additional materials.
- Do not include your first or last name on any pages other than the General Information page.
- A recommendation statement (in a Word document) from a SDSU faculty or staff member must be sent directly to Chelsea Winer in Student Life & Leadership, Aztec Student Union, room 220, Mail Code 7440 (cwiner@mail.sdsu.edu). This is due by Monday, February 15, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Word document #1:
This is the General Information page (see fields required on the next page). This is the only place in the application where you should list your first and last name.

Word document #2:
A list of your involvement in SDSU activities, clubs, and organizations, etc. (Include each activity, the dates of involvement, the approximate number of hours worked per activity, and a two sentence description about the activity). List community service activities that you did within your organizations in Word document number three so as not to have duplicate entries.

Word document #3:
A list of your volunteer and community service activities while attending SDSU (Include each activity, the dates of involvement, the approximate number of hours worked per activity, and a two sentence description about the service activity). This information will be verified in the SDSU Community Service Reporting Database.

Word document #4:
A list of your honors and awards received while attending SDSU (List each honor/award and the date received).

Word document #5:
A one page, double spaced essay on the following topic:
Describe a major obstacle you have faced in your academic or personal life while at SDSU. How did you overcome this obstacle? How did this experience foster your personal and/or professional development? How did you grow as a leader?

Word document #6:
A one page-double spaced essay on the following topic:
Which one SDSU faculty or staff member has made the most significant contribution to your personal growth and why? (If you are selected, this person will be invited and awarded along with you. Portions of your essay will be shared at the ceremony.)
General Information - This is the only place in the application where you should list your name

Last, First and Middle Name: ________________________________ (Last, First, Middle)

Local Address: ________________________________ (Street, City, Zip)

Local Phone: _________________________ Cell Phone: _________________________

Email: ________________________________

Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate ☐ Units Completed as of Fall 2015: ________________________________

Overall GPA: ___________________________ Red ID# ________________________________

Anticipated Graduation Date: ________________________________

In one sentence, describe your post graduation plans (if selected as a winner, this will appear on the Quest banquet program) ______________________________________

Major(s): __________________________________________

Minor(s): __________________________________________

Faculty/Staff member’s name you are writing about: ________________________________

Dept. ___________ Title ___________ Phone ___________ Mail Code ___________

I understand overall grade point average and information within my application may be verified. I authorize use of my application for publicity purposes. If selected as a winner, I also authorize use of my photographs and video for publicity purposes. If I win Quest for the Best as an undergraduate student, I may not apply for the award again as an undergraduate.

____________________ Candidate E- Signature ____________________ Date __________________

DEADLINE: Monday, February 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm. No late applications accepted.