

## DESCRIPTION

At Northern, we acknowledge the importance of cultivating potential and recognizing achievement as critical to realizing excellence within a rigorous educational environment. To that end, Northern takes time each spring semester to lift and make known the achievements of students who have shown a commitment to striving for excellence in all aspects of the Northern experience.

Since 1982, Northern has presented Student Excellence Awards to students who have achieved personal, educational, and professional goals and who have made meaningful and substantive contributions to our campus, local, and global communities.

## NOMINATION CRITERIA

Student Excellence Awards recognize Northern students who have exemplified a commitment to the pursuit of high academic achievement and significant student engagement. These students hold themselves and others to a high standard, strive for integrity in all areas of their lives, and model for others a commitment to holistic learning and engagement.

Students nominated for any Student Excellence Award...

- exemplify a commitment to the pursuit of high academic achievement, as evidenced by a strong and consistent work ethic, a drive to identify and achieve individual learning goals in and outside of the classroom, and desire to model for all an engagement in the process of learning;
- exemplify a commitment to significant student engagement, as evidenced through the pursuit of meaningful social, service, and civic engagement opportunities that impact the Northern campus community, as well as local and regional communities in which the student resides;
- have demonstrated a commitment to institutional core values, contributing to our communities in ways that enhance or support those values (access, equity, and inclusion; excellence; life-long learning; authenticity; collaboration; and stewardship);
- have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement;
- are currently enrolled (undergraduate or graduate) in their second consecutive term at Northern or graduated during the previous term AND have earned at least 50 percent of required credits for their chosen program of study by the end of current term; and
- are in good standing with the University (academic and student conduct).

Please note that previous recipients are not eligible.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Any member of the Northern community can nominate a student they believe exemplifies excellence, as outlined in the criteria above. To do so, ensure the following form is submitted to Amber Spring (Student Wellness Center, SUB) **by Monday, April 8 at 8 AM**. Electronic submissions are preferred and may be sent to [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu).

Recipients are selected by a committee of faculty and staff that reviews nomination forms, appropriate student records, as outlined in the criteria above, and additional information gathered from those who are provided in the nomination form.

Nominees and recipients are recognized and celebrated publicly during key events in late spring semester each year.

**STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**  
NOMINATION FORM | SPRING 2024



**NOMINATION DETAILS**

Student Information:

Please provide information for the student whom you are nominating.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Cell Phone

Nominator Information:

Please provide your information, as the nominator.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

Additional Contacts for Support:

Please provide up to two (2) additional Northern community members you think we should speak with about the student you have nominated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

**NOMINATION NARRATIVE**

Please attach a description (750 word maximum) of why you believe this student is deserving of a Student Excellence Award. Please focus your narrative on bullets 1-4 of the provided criteria (found on the previous page). The nominee will be reviewed for eligibility based on enrollment and other status and may be removed from consideration, should reasonable concerns arise throughout the process of review.

**QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Amber Spring, Assistant Dean of Students for Wellness & Leadership, at 406-399-1919 (cell) or [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu) with questions.