



OUTSTANDING ADULT STUDENT AWARD

Deadline for submission of all materials is **Friday, March 5, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.**

I. **PURPOSE** - To recognize outstanding adult and veteran learners at Penn State University Park who have overcome obstacles juggling multiple roles, achieving academically while pursuing their first time undergraduate degree and serving as a role model for other students.

II. **ELIGIBILITY** - Nominees should have begun/resumed studies at or after the age of 24 or after having been out of high school for four or more years. Nominees must be enrolled at Penn State's University Park Campus as either a full or part-time undergraduate status. Prior to nomination, undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of forty-five credits with at least thirty of these credits earned at Penn State, earned a minimum 3.0 cumulative gpa and demonstrate participation in co-curricular or community organization.

III. **NOMINATION PACKET** - The nomination packet will include the following: (a) nominator's narrative; (b) one additional letters of reference; (c) current student issued unofficial transcript; and (d) nomination form. **NOTE:** Incomplete packets will not be considered.

IV. **SELECTION CRITERIA** - The narratives written by the nominator, persons providing reference letters, and information should include all of the following details where applicable:

- (1) Contributions to the University and/or Community.
- (2) Success in coping with numerous roles. For example, is the student also employed? Full or part time? Does the student have family responsibilities? Community activities? Professional organization involvement?
- (3) Difficult circumstances overcome in order to pursue higher education. For example, does the student have a long commute? ... live away from his/her family to attend school? ... experience financial hardship? ... have a disability? Has the student adopted innovative ways of overcoming obstacles?
- (4) Innovative approaches to meeting personal educational needs.
- (5) Special awards or honors earned in relation to his/her educational pursuits and/or how the student may have served as a role model to his/her peers.

V. **NOMINATION PROCEDURE** - Nominators must be University faculty or staff members, or currently enrolled adult learner at the University Park campus of Penn State. Additional letters of reference may be provided by faculty, staff, or students from any University location, work/or community colleagues, and family members. The Award Recipient **must be able to attend** the Adult Learner Award Reception on **Thursday, April 8, 2021** as well as a division-wide ceremony to be held on a later date.



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Name of Nominator _____

Address of Nominator _____

Phone Number of Nominator (home) _____ (work) _____

Email Address of Nominator _____

Nominator Title or Position _____

STUDENT NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name of Student _____
First Middle Last

PSU ID# _____

Penn State Email _____

Home Address _____

Home or Cell phone _____

Major _____

College _____

Class Standing & GPA _____

If Veteran / Branch _____

Years of Service _____

The student should provide PSU unofficial transcript, the nominator's letter of recommendation, and one additional reference letter. The final award recipient will be determined by the OASA Committee.

Completed Applications are due by March 5, 2021 to
Leslie A. Laing, Director, Adult Learner Programs, Student Affairs
210 Boucke Building-Penn State University
University Park, PA 16802

Submitted by _____

Email _____



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NOMINEE'S BIO

NAME OF STUDENT NOMINEE _____

Please write a biographical sketch of no more than two (2) pages. Please discuss topics such as: when you began or resumed college study; particular obstacles you face in pursuing your education; success in coping with numerous roles; innovative approaches you have employed in overcoming those obstacles to attain your education; contributions you have made to Penn State, your community, and/or your profession; special academic honors or awards received; and your short and long range goals. Use an additional sheet of paper if you wish.



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NOMINATOR'S NARRATIVE

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

Title and Phone Number: _____

Please refer to the **Selection Criteria** in composing your narrative.

Nominator's signature

Printed name of Nominator



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