

Excellence in Diversity Awards

The purpose of the Excellence in Diversity Awards are to recognize students, faculty and staff at The Ohio State University at Mansfield and members of the Richland County Community, who have contributed to the advancement of diversity efforts on the campus of OSU Mansfield and in the Richland County community. Recipients should demonstrate a commitment to diversity and multiculturalism through recruitment and retention efforts, teaching, research, multicultural programming, cultural competency, community outreach activities, or other initiatives serving a diverse population of individuals.

Award Categories

- Students – two awards will be given in this category; any currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate student or registered student organization at OSU Mansfield and any student in a Richland County High School
- Faculty- any current faculty member, unit, department or team of faculty members at OSU Mansfield
- Staff – any current staff member, unit, department or team of staff at OSU Mansfield
- Community – any Richland County community member or organization

Criteria for Awards

The criteria for evaluating nominations will be as follows and should serve as a guide in preparing nominations. Nominees must meet one or more of the following:

- Nominee has a track record in being a trailblazer and/or leader in advancing diversity and multiculturalism on campus and/or in the Richland County community
- Nominee has demonstrated efforts that foster a more inclusive and welcoming campus environment for students, faculty and staff
- Nominee has shown evidence of inclusive teaching and/or program development beyond one's responsibilities
- Nominee has conducted research and/or creative activity related to the experiences, realities, and/or contributions of persons from diverse backgrounds
- Nominee responsibilities are not focused on diversity and multiculturalism, but routinely and voluntarily makes diversity and multiculturalism a priority in much of what he or she does

Nomination process:

- Individuals or organizations can self-nominate or be nominated using the designated nomination form and online nomination process.
- Nominees are encouraged from individual or groups of faculty, staff, students, or community members.

Nomination Timeline

- Call for nominations will go out **May 18th**
- All nominations to be submitted via postal mail or by email on **July 31**
- Review of nominations by selection committee begin **August 8**
- Nominees will be informed of their candidacy by **August 22**
- Final decisions made by selection committee regarding recipients by **August 29**
- Recipients will be recognized at the Excellence in Diversity Awards Dinner on **September 29**

Nominations can be submitted:

1. Emailed as an attachment to oma-mansfield@osu.edu
2. Faxed to 419-755-4101
3. Mailed to the Office of Multicultural Affairs: 1760 University Drive, Mansfield, OH 44906

2011 Excellence in Diversity Awards Nomination Form

I. Contact information of the Nominee

Name and title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Self-nomination

Nominator's name, title, phone number, and email

II. Select one of the following (please indicate if the nominee is):

Internal within the OSU Mansfield campus

External to the OSU Mansfield campus with impact on the OSU Mansfield community or the Richland County Community

III. Select one nomination category:

College Student – Only OSU Mansfield students are eligible for this award

High School Student – Can be any high school student in Richland County

Faculty - Only OSU Mansfield faculty are eligible for this award

Staff - Only OSU Mansfield staff are eligible for this award

Community – Can be any person or organization in Richland County

IV. Checklist of materials to include:

Completed nomination form

Description of the work/activity/project and its impact on diversity and multiculturalism at OSU-Mansfield or in the Richland County Community. Approximately one page, double spaced in length.

Supporting documentation of the work/activity/project

Three letters of support from faculty, staff, students, colleagues, or community members

*Nominations and support documents must be submitted to the Office of Multicultural Affairs by mail to: 1760 University Drive Mansfield, Ohio 44906 or by email at oma-mansfield@osu.edu, on or before July 15, 2011. Materials sent via postal mail must be postmarked on or before July 31, 2011. For questions and concerns please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 419-755-4410.