

2024 Sample Nomination Form



2024 NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference Leadership Awards

Use this guide to review an example of a high-quality sample nomination for the 2024 NCCEP/GEAR UP Leadership Awards.

This document includes instructions on how to enter the following information on your application, with examples in **blue font**.

Note: *This sample nomination is an illustration of what a successful nomination form looks like. Please **do not use this sample** to extract content and/or exact language for your nomination.*

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I am interested in nominating my candidate for the following.

This sample includes questions for the Student Leader of the Year Award. See below for the questions that will display if you select Professional or Family Leader.

- Student Leader of the Year Award
- Professional Leader of the Year Award
 - a. What makes this person an excellent candidate for this award?
 - b. How has the nominee's work contributed to the improvement of college access and success for GEAR UP students?
 - c. What are above and beyond elements that come to mind when thinking of the nominee and their support of GEAR UP?
- Family Leader of the Year Award
 - a. What makes this person an excellent candidate for this award?
 - b. How has the nominee's involvement with GEAR UP helped to encourage other families to become engaged in their child's college and career readiness?
 - c. What are above and beyond elements that come to mind when thinking of the nominee and their support of GEAR UP?

Contact Information for Award Candidate:

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Student of the Leader Award Specific Questions

1. What makes this person an excellent candidate for this award?

Ashely is an excellent candidate for this award because despite facing various challenges, she perseveres and excels at everything she sets her mind to. Her accomplishments stem both within and outside of school.

In school, Ashley is extremely involved as a tutor for her fellow peers, president of her junior class, member of the National Honor Society, editor on her school's newspaper, and President of her GEAR UP student mentor program. Additionally, Ashley also participates in community service both inside and outside of school. Ashley volunteers through our Stand-Up organization where she helps make lunches for homeless citizens in our community.

Outside of school, Ashley also volunteers at our local hospital. In addition to being extremely involved, Ashley also takes several AP and honors courses and has a 3.6 GPA.

She is a dedicated and hardworking student and plays a huge role in supporting her family. Ashley helps her family with grocery shopping and taking care of her younger siblings. As the eldest sibling, Ashley often oversees helping with homework and any school related issues. Ashley also works a part-time job over the weekend to help take care of her family.

Ashley's dedication, strong work ethic, passion, and resilient leadership style is a testament to why she deserves this award.

2. How has the nominee's involvement with GEAR UP helped to encourage other students to become engaged in college and career readiness?

Ashely is extremely involved with GEAR UP at her school. She is a shining example of what it looks like to be committed to being successful after graduation. As a dedicated member of GEAR UP, Ashley participates in all the programming.

I have witnessed Ashley encouraging her fellow GEAR UP peers to attend college campus tour events, college preparatory workshops, and any additional school and outside programming we offer to ensure everyone is utilizing all the programming we offer.

As an avid leader, we have also trusted Ashley to be one of our student leaders and mentors. In this role, Ashley helped assist us in bringing over 100 students to a college visit in Washington, DC. During this college visit, Ashley made sure everyone was paying attention and understood what was always happening.

Ashley goes beyond to make sure that all students feel included and seen in all our programming. Ashley is a prime example of a leader who is not only dedicated to seeing herself succeed but facilitating the success of everyone around her. The way she makes her peers feel validated, seen and worthy is a testament to her devotion to ensuring herself and the students around her have equitable access to higher education.

3. What are the above and beyond elements that come to mind when thinking about the nominee and their support of GEAR UP?

Ashley is consistently going above and beyond to support our GEAR UP program. As mentioned before, Ashley is constantly working to ensure her peers are attending programming and actively understanding the activities and information occurring. In addition to being a great leader and supporter of her peers, Ashley also worked with us to create a mentorship program through our GEAR UP grant. Ashley was really interested in meeting past GEAR UP students to learn more about their college and work experience. During National GEAR UP week, Ashley worked with us to create an alumni panel of past students so that our current students could learn more about college applications, college selection, major selection, and financial aid from people who came from similar backgrounds as them. This event was so popular that Ashley asked if we could create an alumni mentorship program where we pair our current students with upper classmen and alumni to help them through the college process. This year was our first year trying this mentorship program and it has proven to be an enormous success. Students have reported that they feel more comfortable and confident with the college process in general after having peer support throughout the process. Students also said this mentorship program has helped explore new majors and career choices that they may not have thought of without the presence of their mentor. Ashley has also gone above and beyond to help plan events, encourage attendance, and act as a mentor to students herself. Ashley has gone above and beyond to support and help this GEAR UP flourish. She is such an amazing part of this program, and we are so lucky to have her. She deserves this award and even more recognition.

Upload Supportive Document/s:

1. Director recommendation letter
2. Coordinator recommendation letter
3. Principal letter of support
4. Mentorship program proposal from Ashley