



DONALD S. PARKS STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS

The Parks Student Organization Awards at The University of Toledo were created in memory of Donald S. Parks, who served as UT's Dean of Students for an esteemed twenty-one years. Park's contributions have enabled the Division of Student Affairs to honor and recognize outstanding students and registered student organizations that have excelled in leadership and academics and made positive contributions to the greater university community.

Funds established in Parks' name are dedicated to advancing and celebrating student organizations success at UT. Each year the Donald S. Parks Student Organization Recognition Night, a banquet and recognition ceremony, takes place to celebrate the achievements and milestones of The University of Toledo's student organizations.

The following is a summary of the awards presented at the Donald S. Parks Student Organization Recognition Night.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS:

Parks Outstanding Student Organization Award (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place)

This award recognizes the most exceptional organizations over the past year. The organizations will be selected based on their goal setting strategies, event success, leadership development of members, collaboration with other organizations, and overall contribution to University and/or Toledo community.

Parks Outstanding Multicultural Program Award

This award recognizes an outstanding student organization or program which displays a sincere dedication to multicultural and diversity issues at UT. The organization or program will be selected based on the overall impact of the program, its ability to affect positive change, and its role in exposing students to new cultures. Organization technique, implementation, and collaborative nature of the program will also be taken into consideration in choosing the recipient of this award.

Parks Outstanding Community Service/Philanthropic Program Award

This award recognizes the student organization or program which exhibited the most successful service or philanthropic effort during the past year. The recipient of this award will have incorporated service to the University, Toledo community and/or a charitable organization, and will be selected based on overall impact, implementation technique, and participation.

Parks Outstanding Program Award

The award recognizes the student organization which displayed the most successful program overall during the past year. The organization will be selected based on the overall uniqueness of the program, as well as the organization's technique, creativity, marketing, and implementation strategies.

Parks Outstanding New Organization Award

The award recognizes the most successful new student organization formed within the past year. The organization will be selected based on their organization's development, leadership development of members, ability to overcome obstacles, and contribution to University and/or community.

Parks Most Spirited Organization Award

This award goes to the organization that best displays school spirit and engagement in improving campus life at UT. The selection will be based on the organization's visibility on campus, their exciting and lively presence at The University of Toledo events, and their participation in campus and community activities.

* Student organizations must be recognized student organizations with the Office of Dean of Students to be eligible for awards.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Rocket Fanatic

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates true Rocket spirit through his or her "fanatic" activities at The University of Toledo sponsored events. The individual will be selected based on his or her personal qualities, school spirited activities, efforts to improve the quality of campus life, and overall love for and dedication to The University of Toledo.

Emerging Female Leader/Emerging Male Leader

This award recognizes a freshmen or sophomore male and female who have excelled in their organization and have demonstrated true leadership qualities. The selection of the award will be based on his and her involvement in campus activities, leadership initiatives, school pride and overall contributions to their student organization or program.

Outstanding Student Leader

This award is presented to a student who exhibits exemplary leadership skills throughout the campus community. The student must be a senior graduating in May 2008 or December 2008. The criteria for selection include quality of leadership, mutual respect among peers, dedication to the improvement of campus life, and the ability to promote leadership development at The University of Toledo. This award will be presented at Songfest in addition to the Student Organization Recognition Night.

Outstanding Student Organization Member

This award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to a student organization, without necessarily holding a leadership position within the organization. The individual will be selected based on contribution to organization and the role of that organization in his or her life today.

Advisor of the Year (Volunteer)

This award is given to a student organization advisor who is not a staff or faculty member of The University of Toledo who has gone above and beyond their responsibilities for the betterment of the organization and its student members. The advisor must demonstrate the following qualities: a strong working relationship with the organization's members; active participation in the organization's activities; being approachable and accessible to the organization; being attentive to the needs and issues of the organization and its members.

Advisor of the Year (Staff/Faculty)

This award is given to a faculty or staff who serves as a student organization advisor. This advisor has gone above and beyond their responsibilities for the betterment of the organization and its student members. The advisor must demonstrate the following qualities: a strong working relationship with the organization's members; active participation in the organization's activities; being approachable and accessible to the organization; being attentive to the needs and issues of the organization and its members.

*Students must be in good standing with the University academically and judicially to be eligible for awards. The Office of Dean of Students will perform grade and judicial checks to ensure this.



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APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE:

Friday, March 21, 2008

APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE
SUBMITTED BY 5:00PM TO:
Office of Dean of Students
2509 Student Union, Mail Stop 105
419.530.2256, deanofstudents@utoledo.edu

**DONALD S. PARKS STUDENT
ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION NIGHT**
*SAVE THE DATE, AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS
BANQUET AND CEREMONY CELEBRATING UT'S
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.*

**MONDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2008
6:30PM, STUDENT UNION AUDITORIUM**

The Office of Dean of Students will oversee the selection process for the Donald S. Parks Student Organization Awards. The selection committee, made up of students, staff and faculty, will review all applications and will announce the winners at Student Organization Recognition Night.

An organization or individual may apply for all awards which they are qualified for. Self nominations are allowed and encouraged. Please answer the questions honestly and with as much description as possible. Each nomination should not exceed 5 pages in length. Additional supporting materials may be submitted on CD with your application/nomination.

COVER PAGE

Include only one copy of this page, at the top of your nomination packet.

Organization / Nominee: _____

Org. President (if applicable): _____ President's Email: _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Nominator's Phone: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

Please check all awards for which you are applying/nominating:

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS:

- Outstanding Student Organization
- Outstanding Multicultural Program
- Outstanding Community Service/
Philanthropic program
- Outstanding Program
- Outstanding New Student Organization
- Most Spirited Organization

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEADER AWARDS:

- Rocket Fanatic
- Emerging Female Leader / Emerging Male Leader
- Outstanding Student Leader
- Outstanding Student Organization Member
- Advisor of the Year (Volunteer)
- Advisor of the Year (Staff/Faculty)

Please contact Julianne Warnke, Office of Dean of Students, at julianne.warnke@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2256 with questions. Thank you and good luck!

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM
(Self Nominations are allowed and encouraged)
PARKS OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD

This award recognizes the most exceptional organizations over the past year. The organizations will be selected based on their goal setting strategies, event success, leadership development of members, collaboration with other organizations, and overall contribution to University and/or Toledo community.

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated organization should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. Describe the organization's goals for the year. How did the members of the organization work towards or achieve them?
2. Describe a successful event that demonstrates a contribution to the quality of campus life and/or the Toledo community?
3. How does the organization promote each of the following:
 - The development of members' leadership skills
 - Positive relationships with faculty, staff, peer groups, and/or Toledo community
 - Cooperation and collaboration with other student organizations
4. List and describe the organization's activities. Describe how members, students, and The University of Toledo benefited from the activities. Which activities did the organization initiate? A calendar of events may be included.
5. Describe the organization's membership recruitment strategies and results.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the organization deserves this award.
2. Photographs of the organization, including at least one group photo, for possible use during the ceremony.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM
(Self Nominations are allowed and encouraged)
PARKS OUTSTANDING MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding student organization or program which displays a sincere dedication to multicultural and diversity issues at UT. The organization or program will be selected based on the overall impact of the program, its ability to affect positive change, and its role in exposing students to new cultures. Organization technique, implementation, and collaborative nature of the program will also be taken into consideration in choosing the recipient of this award.

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated program should be honored with this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. Describe the event as detailed as possible, including the planning and organization process utilized so that a person who was not present may understand how the program fostered cooperation among other groups or individuals.
2. Describe the methods of publicity used (posters, newspaper ads, etc.)
3. Describe specifically how the program improved the quality of campus life and promoted the celebration and understanding of multiculturalism/diversity.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the organization deserves this award.
2. Photographs of the organization, including at least one group photo, for possible use during the ceremony.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM
(Self Nominations are allowed and encouraged)
PARKS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE /
PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAM AWARD

This award recognizes the student organization or program which exhibited the most successful service or philanthropic effort during the past year. The recipient of this award will have incorporated service to the University, Toledo community and/or a charitable organization, and will be selected based on overall impact, implementation technique, and participation

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated program should be honored with this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. Describe the event as detailed as possible, including the planning and organization process utilized so that a person who was not present may understand how the program fostered cooperation among other groups or individuals.
2. Describe the methods of publicity used (posters, newspaper ads, etc.)
3. What service or philanthropic effort was performed? Be sure to include the number of hours contributed or funds raised, as well as any other organizations that may have been involved.
4. What was the purpose and intended outcome of the program?
5. Please include any information on any "reflection" exercises that may have taken place, if applicable.
6. Describe how this event assisted its participants (either program planners and/or program participants) in becoming informed, responsible, productive community members?

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the program deserves this award.
2. Photographs of the organization/program, including at least one group photo, for possible use during the ceremony.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Self Nominations are allowed and encouraged)

PARKS OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD

The award recognizes the student organization which displayed the most successful program overall during the past year. The organization will be selected based on the overall uniqueness of the program, as well as the organization's technique, creativity, marketing, and implementation strategies.

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated program should be honored with this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. Describe the event as detailed as possible, including the planning and organization process utilized so that a person who was not present could understand how the program fostered cooperation among other groups or individuals.
2. Describe the methods of publicity used (posters, newspaper ads, etc.)
3. What was the purpose and intended outcome of the program?
4. Describe specifically how the program improved the quality of campus life.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the organization deserves this award.
2. Photographs of the organization, including at least one group photo, for possible use during the ceremony.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Self Nominations are allowed and encouraged)

PARKS OUTSTANDING NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD

The award recognizes the most successful new student organization formed within the past four years from Jan. 1, 2004 to Jan. 1, 2008. The organization will be selected based on their organization's development, leadership development of members, ability to overcome obstacles, and contribution to University and/or community.

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated organization should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. Describe the mission and purpose of the organization.
2. Describe how the organization's involvement in and/or contributions to the University and/or Toledo community.
3. Explain how the organization dealt with any challenges that it faced as a new group.
4. Please list and describe the events the organization participated in or organized throughout the past year.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the organization deserves this award.
2. Photographs of the organization, including at least one group photo, for possible use during the ceremony.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM
(Self Nominations are allowed and encouraged)
PARKS MOST SPIRITED ORGANIZATION AWARD

This award goes to the organization that best displays school spirit and engagement in improving campus life at UT. The selection will be based on the organization's visibility on campus, their exciting and lively presence at The University of Toledo events, and their participation in campus and community activities.

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated organization should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. How is the organization visible to The University of Toledo community?
2. What is the most memorable activity that demonstrated the organization's spirit? Please describe in detail.
3. What spirited activity is unique to the nominated organization? Please describe in detail.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the organization deserves this award.
2. Photographs of the organization, including at least one group photo, for possible use during the ceremony.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM ROCKET FANATIC

SELF NOMINATION

Complete the nomination form as outlined below. Self nominations are allowed and encouraged.

I AM NOMINATING A STUDENT LEADER

My Name: _____

My relationship with the nominee: _____

My phone: _____ My Email: _____

- Check here if you would like us to contact the nominee and ask them to complete the nomination form.

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates true Rocket spirit through his or her "fanatic" activities at The University of Toledo sponsored events. The individual will be selected based on his or her personal qualities, school spirited activities, efforts to improve the quality of campus life, and overall love for and dedication to The University of Toledo.

Student must be full-time students and be in good standing with the University to be eligible for this award.

Nominee: _____ Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

College: _____ Major: _____

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated student should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. What qualities does the individual possess that makes them The University of Toledo's Rocket Fanatic?
2. What is the most "fanatic" thing the nominee has done while at The University of Toledo to demonstrate school spirit? Please describe the event fully so someone not present would understand, and include any pictures of the event if possible.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the nominee deserves this award.
2. A photograph of the nominee for possible use during the ceremony.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM EMERGING MALE / EMERGING FEMALE LEADER AWARD

SELF NOMINATION

Complete the nomination form as outlined below. Self nominations are allowed and encouraged.

I AM NOMINATING A STUDENT LEADER

My Name: _____

My relationship with the nominee: _____

My phone: _____ My Email: _____

- Check here if you would like us to contact the nominee and ask them to complete the nomination form.

This award recognizes a freshmen or sophomore male and female who have excelled in their organization and have demonstrated true leadership qualities. The selection of the award will be based on his and her involvement in campus activities, leadership initiatives, school pride and overall contributions to their student organization or program.

Student must be full-time students and be in good standing with the University to be eligible for this award.

Nominee: _____ Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

College: _____ Major: _____

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated student should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. What organizations is the nominee currently involved in? Please describe their contributions to each of the organizations and list any leadership roles held.
2. Please describe a challenging event which demonstrated the individual's leadership ability. Describe the event fully so someone not present would be able to understand.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the nominee deserve this award.
2. A photograph of the nominee for possible use during the ceremony.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER AWARD

SELF NOMINATION

Complete the nomination form as outlined below. Self nominations are allowed and encouraged.

I AM NOMINATING A STUDENT LEADER

My Name: _____

My relationship with the nominee: _____

My phone: _____ My Email: _____

- Check here if you would like us to contact the nominee and ask them to complete the nomination form.

This award is presented to a student who exhibits exemplary leadership skills throughout the campus community. The student must be a senior graduating in May 2008 or December 2008. The criteria for selection include quality of leadership, mutual respect among peers, dedication to the improvement of campus life, and the ability to promote leadership development at The University of Toledo. This award will be presented at Songfest in addition to the Student Organization Recognition Night.

Student must be full-time students and be in good standing with the University to be eligible for this award.

Nominee: _____ Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

College: _____ Major: _____

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated student should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. History of Leadership Experience - list the leadership experience the nominee has gained, including campus and community activities (include dates and offices held).
2. Employment History
3. A statement from the nominee about what "leadership" means to them.
4. At least one letter of recommendation.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the nominee deserve this award.
2. A photograph of the nominee for possible use during the ceremony.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEMBER

SELF NOMINATION

Complete the nomination form as outlined below. Self nominations are allowed and encouraged.

I AM NOMINATING A STUDENT LEADER

My Name: _____

My relationship with the nominee: _____

My phone: _____ My Email: _____

- Check here if you would like us to contact the nominee and ask them to complete the nomination form.

This award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to a student organization, without necessarily holding a leadership position within the organization. The individual will be selected based on contribution to organization and the role of that organization in his or her life today.

Student must be full-time students and be in good standing with the University to be eligible for this award.

Nominee: _____ Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

College: _____ Major: _____

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated student should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. Please describe an event/situation in which the nominee was an asset to a specific student organization (include which student organization and provide a brief statement about this organization).
2. Please describe the nominee's experience within their student organization. Please indicate any leadership positions held, committees served on, and any other contributions made.
3. A written statement from the nominee about how the organization has impacted and/or changed their life in a positive way and why they remain involved.
4. Please include a recommendation from the student organization Advisor, President, or any member of the Executive Board.

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why the nominee deserves this award.
2. A photograph of the nominee for possible use during the ceremony.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM ADVISOR OF THE YEAR (VOLUNTEER)

This award is given to a student organization advisor who is not a staff or faculty member of The University of Toledo and has gone above and beyond their responsibilities for the sake of the organization and its student members. The advisor must demonstrate the following qualities: a strong working relationship with the organization's members; active participation in the organization's activities; being approachable and accessible to the organization; being attentive to the needs and issues of the organization and its members.

Nominee: _____ Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

Student Organization: _____

Individual Making the Nomination: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated individual should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. What is your advisor's role in your organization?
2. Why are you nominating your advisor for this award?
3. What is the most memorable thing your advisor has done for your organization this year?
4. What impact has this advisor had on your organization?

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why your advisor deserves this award.
2. A photograph of the nominee for possible use during the ceremony.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM ADVISOR OF THE YEAR (STAFF/FACULTY)

This award is given to a faculty or staff student organization advisor who has gone above and beyond their responsibilities for the sake of the organization and its student members. The advisor must demonstrate the following qualities: a strong working relationship with the organization's members; active participation in the organization's activities; being approachable and accessible to the organization; being attentive to the needs and issues of the organization and its members.

Nominee: _____ Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip _____

Student Organization: _____

Individual Making the Nomination: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please summarize, in the space provided, why the nominated individual should receive this award:

Please provide additional supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, that supports this nomination. Use the following questions to guide your submission:

1. What is your advisor's role in your organization?
2. Why are you nominating your advisor for this award?
3. What is the most memorable thing your advisor has done for your organization this year?
4. What impact has this advisor had on your organization?

You are encouraged to attach the following supporting documentation on a CD:

1. Supplemental material, if any, that best demonstrates why your advisor deserves this award.
2. A photograph of the nominee for possible use during the ceremony.