

Dear recent and expected SESP graduates,

We are excited to announce that the application period for the **SESP Alumni Leadership Award** is now open! This award is big SESP graduation tradition. This \$1,000 award is given to one undergraduate and one graduate student. Please see the attachment for details and guidelines.

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Share your memories with us to feature at SESP graduation!

We're collecting your four favorite memories, well wishes to fellow SESP/NU graduates or expressions of excitement about graduation. We will share these as Instagram stories ahead of graduation. Please use this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIA40diVWBse8fchgVnBPHW0etdvSK3jRexdMsQ6kQwSLpTw/viewform>

Please refer to the SESP Convocation web page regularly for updates: <https://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/convocation.html>

The SESP graduation planning team

The Leadership Award Attachment:



SESP Alumni Leadership Award Application Process

SESP is pleased to sponsor the 2022 SESP Alumni Leadership Award. This award, presented annually to one undergraduate and one graduate student, recognizes outstanding leadership and character. The award includes a \$1,000 prize to each recipient. A committee of SESP alumni will read and evaluate each application on the components described below. **Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. (CT) Friday, May 13.** Recipients will be announced and recognized at the SESP graduation ceremony on June 13.

Leadership has many forms and meanings, and there is not a standard definition applied here. The focus is on the impact.

A complete application must contain:

- 1) Personal statement (approximately 500 words): Recognizing leadership as a demonstrated ability to affect the vision and guide the direction of an organization or team, write a 500-word statement in which you define leadership and describe how you exemplified it in a real-life situation within SESP, the Northwestern community, or the community at large. Please include details that will help the alumni review committee understand the challenges of the situation and the unique leadership skills you applied.
- 2) Current resume
- 3) Letter of recommendation. Obtain a letter of recommendation from an individual who was affected by or witnessed your leadership, who can describe

your leadership style and your ability to impact vision and change. Focus on how well the person writing the reference knows you, in regard to the aspect of leadership on which you are writing. Do not focus on a big-name reference who can only write in broad terms as to your abilities. ***Letters of recommendation must come directly from the recommender and should be emailed to the review committee at seSP2022convocation@northwestern.edu.***

Please submit applications to the SESP Alumni Leadership Award review committee at SESP2022Convocation@northwestern.edu.

The alumni committee will evaluate your application as follows:

- Demonstrated leadership, how it is or was demonstrated and its impact - 60% (the recommendation letter is factored into this)
- Quality of the personal statement - 40%

The alumni award review committee looks forward to reading your application and wishes you the best as you complete your Northwestern education.

If you have any questions about the award, please contact Ken Powers at SESP2022Convocation@northwestern.edu