

President's ONE WKU Award

ONE WKU reflects Western Kentucky University's commitment to creating learning, working, and living environments where every member of our campus community has the opportunity to engage, contribute, and succeed. Through collaboration, leadership, service, and meaningful engagement, ONE WKU seeks to strengthen a campus culture where all individuals are valued, respected, and empowered to make a positive impact.

The ONE WKU Award recognizes and celebrates one outstanding Western Kentucky University student, staff member, and faculty member each year for exemplary contributions and meaningful impact in advancing the mission of ONE WKU in fostering a welcoming, collaborative, and supportive environment at WKU and within the communities it serves. This award honors individuals whose actions inspire creativity, dialogue, and meaningful change through advocacy, role modeling, scholarship, service, and collaborative engagement. The ONE WKU Award recognizes a wide range of contributions, including leadership, active participation, teaching, scholarship, research, mentoring, service, advocacy, innovation, collaboration, and community engagement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominees must be full-time faculty, full-time staff, or full-time enrolled students at WKU, with awards presented in each of these three categories.

For consideration, nominees should demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Has demonstrated active participation and meaningful contributions to initiatives that advance the mission and values of ONE WKU by fostering belonging, collaboration, engagement, and mutual respect at Western Kentucky University and/or within the communities it serves.
- Has demonstrated a sustained commitment to creating learning, working, or community environments where individuals from all backgrounds are valued, respected, and have meaningful opportunities to engage, contribute, and succeed.
- Has developed, implemented, or made significant contributions to programs, initiatives, research, scholarship, creative activities, partnerships, or other efforts that advance the goals of ONE WKU and positively impact the university or the communities it serves.
- Has contributed beyond the expectations of their formal role or responsibilities by demonstrating initiative, collaboration, innovation, or sustained engagement that has resulted in meaningful and lasting impact.
- Has demonstrated a sustained and meaningful impact on the university or communities it serves through scholarship, teaching, service, innovation, advocacy, collaboration, mentoring, research, or active engagement.

THE PRESIDENT'S ONE WKU AWARD NOMINATION FORM

For which category are you submitting this nomination? Please select one: ☐ Faculty ☐ Staff ☐ Student

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Title/Position

Department

Academic College

Address:

City

State

Zip Code

Phone (include area code):

Email

Does the nominee receive monetary compensation for their contribution(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominator:

Date:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Nomination Narrative

Describe how the nominee has demonstrated the values of ONE WKU. Be specific in describing their contributions, initiatives, accomplishments, scholarship, service, collaborations, or other efforts that have advanced engagement, belonging, opportunity, and community. Address the award criteria whenever possible and include examples, outcomes, or evidence demonstrating the nominee's impact.

If desired, up to two letters of support may be submitted as part of the nomination. Letters should provide additional evidence of the nominee's impact and address the criteria used to evaluate award recipients.