

University of Southern Maine
Student Leadership Awards Criteria

Contribution to Campus Diversity Award

An award to recognize an individual and/or a group that has:

- Worked to impact campus climate around issues of discrimination
- Worked to understand and confront oppression
- Served as a role model to peers and colleagues
- Awards will be given to students who have committed themselves to advocacy in areas involving disability, sexual identity, gender identity, cultural identity, race, and more.
- Multiple students can be accepted for this award and nominees can have experience in advocacy for one or multiple groups.

Contribution to Campus Life Award

An award to recognize a student who has:

- Worked to make USM a better place for students
- Been involved on campus and in the community
- Showed a commitment to academic success
- Made a significant impact on campus life for their peers and colleagues
- Demonstrated an exceptional passion for USM
- Exemplified the spirit of the University both on-campus and in the community
- Committed themselves to scholarship, service, and involvement at USM

Emerging Leader Award

An award to recognize a student who has:

- Demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities within a student organization or other University capacity
- Recently joined the student organization or department for which they are being recognized (within one calendar year)
- Displayed the potential and capacity for significant leadership opportunities at USM and beyond

Event of the Year Award

An award for a USM sponsored event that has:

- Been held on or off campus with students as its primary target audience
- Fostered community building amongst students
- Encouraged involvement of students through planning and participation
- Had success in meeting its desired outcomes

Outstanding New Student Organization Award

An award to recognize a USM organization that has:

- Been newly created this academic year
- Ventured into membership recruitment, event planning, and fundraising

- Embodied the values of teamwork, service and being inclusive

Outstanding Student Leader Award

An award to recognize a student leader who has:

- Demonstrated leadership at USM
- Been involved on campus & in the community
- Showed a commitment to academic success
- Served as a role model for their peers
- Practiced ethical leadership
- Fostered inclusion and collaboration

Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award

An award to recognize a faculty or staff advisor for a USM student organization who has:

- Been employed at USM this academic year
- Advised an active and recognized student organization on campus during the 2017-18 academic year
- Demonstrated an exceptional dedication to their role as advisor
- Closely supported the organization's efforts, leadership development, and programming initiatives

Senior Husky Achievement Award

An award to recognize a graduating senior who has:

- Demonstrated pride in USM
- Served in a variety of leadership roles on campus and encouraged others to become involved in campus life
- Made a significant impact in the campus community throughout their college career
- Gone above and beyond to enhance the experience of their fellow students
- Demonstrated a commitment to academic success
- Served as a role model for their peers

Service to the Community Award

An award to recognize an individual and/or a group that has:

- Made a commitment to service in the community
- Volunteered for the benefit of others
- Demonstrated leadership in creating a culture of service at USM

Student Employee of the Year Award

An award to recognize a student who has:

- Worked in a campus office this academic year
- Demonstrated leadership and professionalism
- Taken initiative in job responsibilities
- Created new programs and/or provided supervision for others

Graduate Student Employee of the Year Award

An award to recognize a graduate student who has:

- Worked in a campus office this academic year
- Demonstrated leadership and professionalism
- Taken initiative in job responsibilities
- Created new programs and/or provided supervision for others

Student-Focused Faculty Award

An award to recognize a faculty member who has:

- Been employed at USM this academic year
- Provided a positive influence on student achievement
- Demonstrated an exceptionally student-focused approach to their work
- Gone above and beyond their campus role to enhance the overall student experience

Student-Focused Staff Award

An award to recognize a staff member who has:

- Been employed at USM this academic year
- Provided a positive influence on student achievement
- Demonstrated an exceptionally student-focused approach to their work
- Gone above and beyond their campus role to enhance the overall student experience

Student Organization of the Year Award

An award for a USM organization that has:

- Made a significant impact on campus life and the greater community
- Had its members serve as leaders on campus
- Embodied the values of teamwork, service and being inclusive

Distinguished Scholars Award

An award to recognize an individual and/or a group that has:

- Made a significant impact within their field of study
- Demonstrated passion for their area of study
- Regularly interacted with classmates, faculty, or staff to develop their own understanding of course materials or to help others learn
- These nominations should not be determined by grades alone but, rather, be indicative of student involvement within their major and its corresponding department