

# **PennState** Adult Learner Student Affairs Programs & Services

# **OUTSTANDING ADULT STUDENT AWARD**

Deadline for submission of all materials is Friday, March 1, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

- PURPOSE To recognize outstanding adult learners at Penn State University Park who have overcome obstacles juggling multiple roles, achieving academically while pursuing their first time undergraduate degree and serving as a role model for other students.
- **ELIGIBILITY** Nominees should have begun/resumed studies at or after the age of 24 or after having been out of high school for four or more years. Nominees must be enrolled at Penn State's University Park Campus as either a full or part-time undergraduate status. Prior to nomination, undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of forty-five credits with at least thirty of these credits earned at Penn State, earned a minimum 3.0 cumulative gpa and demonstrate participation in co-curricular or community organization.
- **NOMINATION PACKET** The nomination packet will include the following: III. (a) nominator's narrative; (b) one additional letters of reference; (c) current student issued unofficial transcript; and (d) nomination form. **NOTE**: Incomplete packets will not be considered.
- **SELECTION CRITERIA** The narratives written by the nominator, persons providing reference letters, and information should include any or all the following details where applicable:
  - (1) Contributions to the University and/or Community.
  - Success in coping with numerous roles. For example, is the student also employed? Full or part time? Does the student have family responsibilities? Community activities? Professional organization involvement?
  - Difficult circumstances overcome in order to pursue higher education. For example, does the student have a long commute? ... live away from his/her family to attend school? ... experience financial hardship? ... have a disability? Has the student adopted innovative ways of overcoming obstacles?
  - Innovative approaches to meeting personal educational needs.
  - (5) Special awards or honors earned in relation to his/her educational pursuits and/or how the student may have served as a role model to his/her peers.
- NOMINATION PROCEDURE Nominators must be University faculty or staff members, or currently enrolled adult learners at the University Park campus of Penn State. Additional letters of reference may be provided by faculty, staff, or students from any University location, work/or community colleagues, and family members. The Award Recipient must be able to attend the Adult Learner Award Reception on Thursday, April 4, 2019 as well as a division-wide ceremony to be held on a later date.



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Name of Nominator				
Address of Nominator				
Phone Number of Nominator	(home)	(work)		
Email Address of Nominator				
Nominator Title or Position				
NOMINATED STUDENT INF	ORMATION:			
Name of Student	First.	N A' - I - II -		
	First	Middle	Last	
PSU ID#				
Penn State Email				
Home Address				
Home or Cell phone				
Major				
College			_	
Class Standing & GPA				
Veteran / Branch				
Years of Service				
The student should provide PSU unofficial transcript, the nominator's letter of recommendation, and one additional reference letter. The final award recipient will be determined by the OASA Committee.				
Completed Applications are due by March 1, 2019 to Leslie A. Laing, Director for Adult Learner Programs, Student Affairs 210 Boucke Building-Penn State University University Park, PA 16802				
Submitted by		Email		

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### **NOMINEE'S BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Please write a biographical sketch of no more than two (2) pages	s. Please discuss topics such as:
when you began or resumed college study; particular obstacles you	ı face in pursuing your education;

NAME OF NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

success in coping with numerous roles; innovative approaches you have employed in overcoming those obstacles to attain your education; contributions you have made to Penn State, your community, and/or your profession; special academic honors or awards received; and your short and long range goals. Use an additional sheet of paper if you wish.



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### **NOMINATOR'S NARRATIVE**

NAME OF NOMINEE	
Title and Phone Number:	
Please refer to the <b>Selection Criteria</b> in composing	your narrative.
	Name and a size of
	Nominator's signature
	Printed name of Nominator

