

2017

Big XII Conference

On Black

Student Government

Recognition Awards Packet



Established at the University of Missouri-Columbia 1977

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL 4:59P.M. CENTRAL

STANDARD TIME ON JANUARY 30, 2017

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 30, 2017

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

**Big XII Council on Black Student Government
2017 Recognition Awards Information**

The Awards Committee of the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government is pleased to accept applications for the following recognition awards:

- Alvin Ailey Award
- Barbara Jordan Award
- Martin Luther King Jr. Award
- Mickey Leland Award
- Nelson Mandela Award
- Brenda Burt Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award
- Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of the Year Award

Application Instructions

These awards operate as a nomination process. Individuals can nominate themselves. All institutions are eligible.

Nominations should be submitted through the following process:

- All applicants must fill out the awards application, **checking the appropriate award of interest.**
- Please use **one application per award.**
- The application form must be **completed and signed** by the appropriate persons.
- All questions and items required for each award **must be typed separately on 8 1/2" by 11" standard white paper. Only double-spaced, typed pages in MLA format will be accepted.**
- **Applications must be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font**
- The application form will serve as the cover sheet to your scholarship packet. **The form must be typed and include all appropriate hand-written signatures.**
- Please limit responses to each question to 1000 words or less.
- Applicants are **NOT to place their names on these essays. Please exclude any identifying items.** Applicants are strongly encouraged to enclose as many supporting items as possible with each application.
- Only activities /programs sponsored or participated in or after **December 31, 2015** will be considered valid.
- **Failure to follow all instructions will result in disqualification.**

Application Instructions

All application materials must be:

- **Submitted via email to 2017bigxiiawards@gmail.com by 4:59p.m.(CST) on January 30, 2017.**
EARLY SUBMISSION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED
- Completed application includes the **final application form with proper signatures, typed answers to questions, and supporting items (if necessary).**
- Completed, typed and signed application form should be the first page of the packet.
Incomplete, un-typed and unsigned forms will not be accepted.
- Only one official transcript per applicant is needed. Official transcripts must be submitted by mail to:

Mrs. Brenda Burt, Faculty
The University of Texas at Austin
African and African American Diaspora Studies
210 W. 24th Street, Room 3.200J
1 University Station, D7200
Austin, TX 78712
Attn: Big XII Conference on Black Student Government

- **Transcripts must be postmarked by January 30, 2017**

All questions may be e-mailed to Mrs. Burt: princekwame@austin.utexas.edu.

Or call at (512) 475-7971

All application materials must be completed and submitted together. A completed application includes a finalized application form with proper signatures, typed explanations, and supporting items (if necessary). The completed and signed application form should be the first page.

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**2017 Big XII Council on Black Student Government
Recognition Awards Application**

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Name

Institution

City, State, & Zip Code

Telephone

E-Mail

Advisor

President

Recognition Awards

(Please check one. Submit one application packet per award. Duplicate forms as necessary.)

_____ Alvin Ailey Award

_____ Barbara Jordan Award

_____ Martin Luther King Jr. Award

_____ Mickey Leland Award

_____ Nelson Mandela Award

_____ Most Outstanding F.A.T. of the Year Award

_____ Brenda Burt Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award

I hereby certify that all information and supporting material accompanying this Award Application is valid and accurate, and occurred after December 31, 2015.

Advisor's Signature / Date

President's Signature / Date

Preparer's Signatures (if different from above) / Date

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ALVIN AILEY AWARD

- Two (2) page description essay detailing your performing/fine arts ability and how you have used or use this ability to contribute meaningfully to your community.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a mentor, advisor, or teacher/professor concerning your noteworthy contribution to the community through your talent.

BARBARA JORDAN AWARD

- A resume of student government experience, programs, and responsibilities.
- 500 words or fewer essay describing what motivated you to become involved in student government and the importance of political awareness and action.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AWARD

- 500 words or less essay describing diversity and what you believe your responsibilities to be as a member of a diverse community.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from peers who have a deep knowledge of your efforts, or have worked with you describing your contributions to breaking the walls of racial inequity.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an advisor/professor describing the contribution you have made to break the walls of racial inequity.
- A detailed resume of pertinent awards/honors, employment, community service, campus involvement, and/or original programming.

MICKEY LELAND AWARD

- 500 words or less essay detailed description of your most challenging community service experience. Describe why it was so, and the results of that experience.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from the supervisor, or advisor, of one of your community service experiences.
- Detailed community service/campus involvement resume.

NELSON MANDELA AWARD

- Two (2) page description of a martyr whom you feel exemplifies the qualities of leadership, organization, courage, communication, and self-sacrifice including how and why they fit these characteristics. Include how you believe you resemble this individual.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an advisor, professor, or supervisor describing how you exemplify leadership, organization, courage, communication, and self-sacrifice on your campus or in your community.
- A detailed resume of your pertinent awards/honors, employment, community service, campus involvement, and/or original programming.

MRS. BRENDA BURT OUTSTANDING *ADVISOR* OF THE YEAR AWARD

- A detailed resume listing activities/groups/programs you are responsible for advising and their purpose.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from students whom are actively participating in a group/activity/program you are responsible for advising and level of competency.
- One letter of recommendation from your current supervisor, VPSA or President of the institution where you are employed.

Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of the Year Award

- List all Freshman Action Team Members and/or Executive Board.
- Describe in detail what efforts were made to promote and contribute to academic success as a F.A.T., as well as how this action benefitted the freshmen (i.e. Study Sessions).
- Include the Mission Statement for your F.A.T. (not your B.S.A). Make sure to include how your F.A.T. is implementing the goals in your mission statement.
- **2015-2016 Philanthropy:** Provide your F.A.T's physical wellness program(s). Include a full written description with pictures detailing how it met the needs of incoming students to your campus.
- Describe in detail your respective F.A.T.'s community service project or projects (not including the required philanthropy).
- Describe in detail ALL respective programs and/or events, which will be held throughout the **2015-2016** academic school year. (This can include events/ programs that will take place after the book's due date.)
- Describe in detail F.A.T.'s required mentor/mentee program. At least one social event required for all the mentor and mentees.
- Describe in detail all involvement in campus council (e.g. BSU, BSA, etc.) and provide a letter from a respected council officer confirming F.A.T.'s involvement.
- Provide a general statement of why your F.A.T. should be recognized as "Outstanding" in a minimal one page double spaced essay, detailing how F.A.T. built leadership skills through events including but not limited to: programs, community service, mentorship, etc.
- You will be judged by the creativity/originality of the theme throughout the book.
- Provide a bound book with eight additional digital copies WITH THIS APPLICATION via mail. **EMAIL APPLICATION, BUT MAIL BOUND BOOK WITH EIGHT DIGITAL COPIES BY 1/30/17**

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