

2009

Big XII Conference
on Black
Student Government

Awards and Recognition Packet

Big XII Conference on Black Student Government
2009 Cash Award Information

The Big XII Conference on Black Student Government and Corporate Sponsor Cargill awards scholarships to students and government organizations that participate and attend the Big XII Conference. The award provides various grants to full-time undergraduate students and organizations. Students applying for the student awards must be an enrolled undergraduate for the Fall/Spring semesters with a minimum 2.5 GPA and. In the event that any scholarship is not awarded to the designated person, there will be an additional review by the Big XII Council.

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

- ◇ Dyric Burt Outstanding Freshman of the Year
- ◇ Outstanding Sophomore of the Year
- ◇ Outstanding Junior of the Year
- ◇ Outstanding Senior of the Year
- ◇ Outstanding Non Big XII Freshman of the Year
- ◇ Outstanding Non Big XII Sophomore of the Year
- ◇ Outstanding Non Big XII Junior of the Year
- ◇ Robert Page, Jr. Award for Outstanding Non Big XII Senior of the Year
- ◇ Clarence Wine Outstanding Big XII Council of the Year
- ◇ Most Improved Council of the Year
- ◇ Robert Page, Jr. Award for Outstanding Non Big XII Council of the Year
- ◇ Brenda Joyce Fermin Memorial Work Ethics Award
- ◇ Mordean Taylor-Archer Council Executive Board Member of the Year
- ◇ Horner L. Phelps, Jr., Graduate Student of the Year

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 will be accepted. Please limit responses to one page per question. 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, 2007 will be considered valid. Failure to follow all instructions will result in disqualification. All questions may be e-mailed to: princekwame@mail.utexas.edu

Application Instructions

All application materials must be complete, **typed (includes cover sheet)** and submitted bound. A completed application includes a final application form with proper signatures, typewritten answers to questions, and supporting items (if necessary). The complete, typed and signed application form should be the first page of the packet. Incomplete, un-typed and unsigned forms will not be accepted.

Selection Process

A Selection Committee consisting of members from the Awards Committee of the Big XII Council, and an advisor conducts the selection process. The committee will review the applications, determine eligibility, and make final recommendations to the executive board for review.

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Criteria for Eligibility (Undergraduate)

To obtain a student scholarship the applicant must:

- ◇ Be enrolled or will be enrolled in the coming semester as a full-time undergraduate (12 hours) at a college or university.
- ◇ Be able to prove they are a member of a black student government or affiliated organization.
- ◇ Demonstrate commitment to education and service.
- ◇ Be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- ◇ Submit an official transcript (One will suffice if applying for multiple awards, reference on application)
- ◇ Must be in attendance at the conference.

Commitment to Education & Service Essay:

Applicant must submit a short essay (500 words or less) addressing the following (please type the essay on a separate sheet of paper and do not type applicant's name or any identifying words (ex: name of institution) on the essay):

- ◇ Discuss why you selected your college major and your educational goals.
- ◇ Personal history such as special interests, financial need and any awards received may be included.
- ◇ Explain any future plans to continue your education, including your professional plans upon graduation.

Applicant must also submit the following:

- ◇ Official transcript in sealed envelope
- ◇ Resume demonstrating commitment to education & service

Completed applications should be mailed to:

**Mrs. Brenda Burt, Advisor
The University of Texas at Austin
John Warfield Center for African and African American Studies
1 University Station, D7200
Austin, TX 78712
Attn: Big XII Conference on Black Student Government**

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INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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- ◇ Clarence Wine Outstanding Big XII Council of the Year
- ◇ Most Improved Council of the Year
- ◇ Robert Page, Jr. Award for Outstanding Non Big XII Council of the Year

Clarence Wine Outstanding Big XII Council of the Year

This award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate Black Student Government or Council. The council must demonstrate a serious commitment to unity, academic achievement, scholarship, campus programming, and community service. Additionally, the council must provide evidence of a sound operation and effective council management.

Applicants for this award must include the following information:

- ◇ List all the council officers.
- ◇ Describe in detail the council efforts to encourage and support the member's academic achievement. How successful have these efforts been?
- ◇ Describe in detail the council's effort to promote unity.
- ◇ Describe the council involvement in community/public service activities. Be sure to include service projects that involved the entire campus.
- ◇ Describe the council's campus programming efforts. Be sure to include only programs that involved the entire council. How have the council's activities impacted your campus?
- ◇ Describe the council relationship with advisor.
- ◇ What makes your council outstanding? Why should you be considered for this award?

Most Improved Council of the Year Award

This award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate Black Government or Council. The council must demonstrate a serious commitment that they have improved unity, academic achievement, scholarship, campus programming, and community service. Additionally, the council must provide evidence that strides have been made to improve council programming and overall management.

Applicants for this award should complete the following questions:

- ◇ List all the council officers.
- ◇ Describe in detail the council efforts to encourage and support the member's academic achievement. How successful have these efforts been?
- ◇ Describe in detail the council's effort to promote unity.
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- ◇ Describe the council's campus programming efforts. Be sure to include only programs that involved the entire council. How have the council's activities impacted your campus?
- ◇ Describe the council relationship with advisor.
- ◇ What would make your council most improved from the previous year?

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Robert Page, Jr., Award Non-Big Twelve Council of the Year Award

The award is presented to a Non-Big XII School undergraduate government or school. The council must demonstrate a serious commitment to unity, academic achievement, scholarship, campus programming, and community service. Additionally, the council must provide evidence of a sound operation and effective council management.

- ◇ Please list all the council officers.
- ◇ Please describe in detail the council efforts to encourage and support the member's academic achievement. How successful have these efforts been?
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- ◇ Please describe the council relationship with its advisor.
- ◇ What makes your council outstanding? Why should you be considered for this award?

Brenda Joyce Fermin Memorial Work Ethic Award

- ◇ One (1) Letter of recommendation from a professor, employer (present or former), or a community service or activity advisor/chair.
- ◇ 500 word or less essay detailing your work ethic, who influenced those ethics, and what characteristics describe your work ethics.
- ◇ Resume demonstrating work and activities
- ◇ Official transcript in sealed envelope

Horner L. Phelps, Jr., Graduate Student of the Year

Criteria for Eligibility

- ◇ Be enrolled as a full-time graduate at a college or university.
- ◇ Be able to prove they are a member of a black student government or affiliated organization.
- ◇ Be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA 3.0.
- ◇ Must be in attendance at the conference.
- ◇ Two (2) Letters of recommendation from a professor, community service or activity advisor/chair and diversity trainer/officer who can site examples.
- ◇ 500 word minimum essay detailing your contributions to knowledge through research, teaching, and service, involvement in professional organizations, campus or community activities, and commitment to diversity.
- ◇ Resume demonstrating criteria above
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- ◇ Nelson Mandela Award
- ◇ Mickey Leland Award
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- ◇ Barbara Jordan Award
- ◇ Alvin Ailey Award
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These awards function off of a nomination process. Individuals can nominate themselves. Nominations should be submitted through the following process.

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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.

Mickey Leland Award

- ◇ A 500 word 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.

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.

Barbara Jordan Award

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

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.

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
- ◇ One (1) letter of recommendation from a colleague describing your advising responsibilities and level of competency.

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