

**“CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE” AWARD DESCRIPTIONS (2015-2016)**

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</b>	<b>INFORMATION REQUIRED</b>
<b>WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER AWARDS for STUDENT LEADERSHIP</b>			
<b><i>President’s Award for Excellence in Student Life and Leadership</i></b>	Recognizes undergraduates who demonstrate the highest level of curricular and co-curricular excellence in academics, leadership, and service throughout many aspects of the College community. These students are active in community service and have significant participation in multiple campus leadership opportunities. Nominees make outstanding contributions to scholarship, service, and leadership on campus and their work has helped to shape many dimensions of student life at Harper.	Minimum current GPA of 2.5. History of involvement/leadership in multiple registered student organizations, shared governance, etc. Demonstrated involvement in peer-mentoring, leadership, and community service.	500-word (max) essay that describes nominee’s impact on campus life through leadership, service, and involvement, and how their contributions reflect the essence of the award for which the nomination was submitted. Specific narrative examples are most helpful.
<b><i>Provost’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Service</i></b>	Recognizes truly exemplary students who also demonstrate extraordinary service and leadership while achieving highly inside the classroom. They have served as officers, leaders, and/or active members of student organizations and their work is marked by a value of service to community in one or many ways.	Minimum current GPA of 2.5, demonstrated excellence in academics. Committed involvement and/or leadership in community service and/or student organizations.	
<b><i>Dean’s Award for Service to Campus and Community</i></b>	Recognizes outstanding commitment to leadership through service to campus or community in specific and unique ways.	Minimum current GPA of 2.0. Significant involvement in community service activities.	
<b>HARPER SPIRIT AWARDS (HSAs)</b>			
<b><i>HSA for Commitment to Human Diversity and Social Justice</i></b>	Recognizes student(s) or student organization(s) for excellence in increasing awareness and appreciation for human diversity on campus through an innovative program or other social-justice learning experience.	Currently registered student or organization.	500-word essay describing specific programmatic impact or outcomes on diversity awareness, community-building, or service-oriented achievements, with specific examples.
<b><i>HSA for Commitment to Coalition-Building and Community Service</i></b>	Recognizes student(s) or student organization(s) for enhancing campus life in meaningful, measurable ways through collaboration, innovative co-sponsored programming through partnerships that enrich educational outcomes and community.		
<b><i>HSA for Unsung Hero of the Campus Community</i></b>	Recognizes an individual (student, faculty, or staff member) who serves as an “ideal representative” of the Harper community spirit. This person has made a substantive (yet unrecognized) contribution to upholding the College’s core values of integrity, respect, excellence, and collaboration.	Currently registered student or faculty/staff member; must be in good standing with the College.	500-word essay describing how nominee exhibits College core values of integrity, respect, excellence, and collaboration.
<b><i>HSA for Student Organization of the Year</i></b>	Recognizes an outstanding student organization that has demonstrated leadership, community involvement, and campus enrichment through the service and contributions of its members, programs, and presence on campus.	Currently registered organization; effective leadership development and resource management; involved contributions to campus life.	Letters of support from faculty/staff advisor of record, and from 1 active student member. Provide specific examples for why this organization should be considered.
<b><i>HSA for Student Organization PROGRAM of the Year</i></b>	Recognizes an outstanding program or event (or series of such), produced by a student organization, that has significantly influenced or shaped campus life, community conversations, or otherwise been of high educational impact upon student life, learning, and leadership on campus.	Currently registered student organization.	500-word essay describing unique impact of program, with specific examples. Letter of support from advisor and from student leader.
<b><i>HSA for Student Organization ADVISOR of the Year</i></b>	Recognizes a student organization’s faculty or staff advisor for demonstrating outstanding commitment, effort, time, and investment in the organization’s members and mission.	Must be advisor of record of currently registered student organization.	Letters of support from 2 active student members and 1 student non-member. Provide specific examples.