

## 2018 Presidents' Awards: Overview and Instructions



The **Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents' Awards** provide an opportunity for member presidents and chancellors to give statewide recognition to effective leaders in the development of campus-community partnerships. Acknowledgment of outstanding collaborative work not only informs and inspires others' efforts, but also encourages greater support for higher education's civic engagement initiatives.

Each president or chancellor from a Minnesota Campus Compact member institution may recognize one honoree in each of the following three award categories:

### **Presidents' Student Leadership Award**

This award is for an individual student or a student organization that models a deep commitment to civic responsibility and leadership, evidenced by initiative, innovative and collaborative approaches to addressing public issues, effective community building, and integration of civic engagement into the college experience.

### **Presidents' Civic Engagement Steward Award**

This award is for a member of the faculty, administration, or staff or for a group (e.g., advisory committee, task force, project team) that has significantly advanced their campus' distinctive civic mission by forming strong partnerships, supporting others' civic engagement, and working to institutionalize a culture and practice of engagement.

### **Presidents' Community Partner Award**

This award is for a community-based organization that has enhanced the quality of life in the community in meaningful and measurable ways and has engaged in the development of sustained, reciprocal partnerships with the college or university, thus enriching educational as well as community outcomes.

Honorees and presidents will celebrate the nature and results of this exemplary work at an **awards ceremony and luncheon during Minnesota Campus Compact's Annual Summit to be held April 19, 2018 at Hamline University in St. Paul.**

Award winners will receive a certificate and recognition in the event program, and the photo and brief profile provided will be displayed on the event PowerPoint, then posted on MNCC's website. Recipients will also be invited to participate throughout the Summit and to consider sharing a brief "This I Believe" statement during the awards ceremony.

## How to Participate

While we encourage presidents and chancellors to include both campus- and community-based civic engagement leaders in selecting award recipients based on the criteria above, the specific process used to identify honorees is determined by the individual campus. The ways campuses selected award recipients in previous years have included:

- the president issuing an open call for nominations on campus, with a committee selecting recipients;
- a civic engagement committee recommending finalists to the President, who selected the recipients; and
- the president choosing to recognize previous campus-award winners.

We encourage campuses to select a recipient in each of the three award categories, but a campus may instead choose to select an honoree in only one or two of the categories. Every person/group selected by a member institution will be recognized at the Summit (unless more than one nomination is submitted in a single award category).

When award recipients have been selected, please fill out and submit the [Presidents' Awards Selection Form](#) available at [mncampuscompact.org/what-we-do/campus-compact-awards/minnesota-campus-compact-awards/](http://mncampuscompact.org/what-we-do/campus-compact-awards/minnesota-campus-compact-awards/) no later than **February 28, 2018** including:

1. Campus name
2. Designated contact person for the Presidents' Awards process at that campus
3. Each award recipient's name and contact information
  - + Brief (50 words or less) description of the reasons that person, group, or organization was selected for this recognition
  - + Photograph of each recipient (attach in the Selection Form at time of submitting the form)

Minnesota Campus Compact will send all Presidents' Award recipients a congratulatory message and an invitation to the April 19, 2018 Summit and Awards Luncheon as campuses submit their selected honorees.

With any questions, please contact Sinda Nichols at [sinda@mncampuscompact.org](mailto:sinda@mncampuscompact.org).

