



## Student Leadership Awards - Tips for Nominators

Thank you for your interest in nominating a student for a Student Leadership Award!

Here are some quick tips to assist you in writing the strongest possible nomination:

- Complete all portions of the nomination form.
- Address all the criteria for the selected award:
  - o I-EDIAA Impact Award
    - Give specific evidence of your nominee's impact on the Queen's community
    - Show concrete examples of their commitment to the principles of I-EDIAA in academics, extra-curriculars, and/or personal development
    - Note how long they were in any relevant role(s) (as applicable)
    - Collect and submit letters of support for the nomination (see below)
  - o Peer Leadership Award
    - Demonstrate the broad impact made by your nominee on their peers
    - Detail contributions they have made that go above and beyond what would normally be expected
    - Note how long they were in any relevant role(s) (as applicable)

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## **Letters of Support**

Letters of support strengthen your nomination package and can be written by students, staff, faculty, community members, or groups. For nominations for the Brian Yealland Community Leadership Award, a letter of support is required from at least one community organization the nominee has worked with.

## Tips for the Lead Nominator

- Think about others who have worked with your nominee and those who have benefited from their impact. Asking them to provide you with a letter can help demonstrate your nominee's contributions.
- If you are submitting multiple letters for your nominee, it can be helpful to coordinate and discuss what each letter writer plans to focus on.
  - o How do the letters complement each other?
  - o What story do they collectively tell about the nominee?
  - o Use the letters to maximize the examples shared about the nominee.
- Set a deadline (before the award deadline) for other contributors to send you their letters so that you have time to review and compile all documents before submitting.

## <u>Tips for Writing an Effective Letter of Support</u>

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