



APPLICATION FORM  
STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD &  
STUDENT ORGANIZATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This series of awards is available to student organizations in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, the School of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Agricultural Technical Institute that have made extraordinary contributions to campus life in the College, the University, the surrounding community, or their profession. **NOTE:** In addition to the Student Organization of the Year Award, a student organization will be selected\* (see note in Selection Process) in each of the following categories for a Student Organization Excellence Award:

- **Leadership/Professional Development** – Presented to a student organization that actively promotes individual leadership skills and/or career development among its members, the campus, and/or the community, by sponsoring lectures or guest speakers, organizing retreats and workshops, or other leadership-related activities.
- **Community Engagement** – Presented to a student organization that demonstrates the importance of serving the broader campus or external community through hands-on service activities, philanthropic or fundraising events, or other community-related pursuits.
- **Collaboration** – Presented to a student organization that partnered with one or more student organizations or groups to develop a program, event, or initiative to benefit the campus or community. This can be a single or ongoing program, event, or initiative.
- **Active Citizenship** – Presented to a student organization that has demonstrated, through activities, a commitment to diversity and inclusion, advocacy and education, political involvement, socially responsible behavior, activism, participation in state, national, or global associations, etc.
- **Supporting the Mission of CFAES** – Presented to a student organization that has supported, through activities, one or more of the goals of the [CFAES vision statement](#).

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** – To be eligible for these awards, the student organization must be:

- Affiliated with CFAES, SENR, or ATI.
- Registered with Ohio State's Office of Student Life.

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES** –

- Organizations may compete in one, two, three, four, or all five of the Student Organization Excellence Award categories.
- **NEW FOR 2021** - With your application, submit a **15-20 second video** describing the activity/ activities - with photos, if possible - **for each of the excellence awards categories you are submitting.**
- An organization must enter at least three categories to be considered for the Student Organization of the Year Award. If an organization competes in more than three categories, the three highest category scores will be used for selection of the overall award.
- No activity can be used in more than one category.
- Organizations can describe as many as two activities per category.
- Activities should have taken place in 2020.

**CRITERIA FOR NARRATIVE** – In describing activities, include the following information:

- Purpose and intended impact of the activity
- Planning process and number of members involved in planning
- Event details – what activities took place, how many participated (within and outside the organization)
- A statement of actual impacts and lessons learned

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**SELECTION PROCESS** – A committee of ten faculty members, representing each academic unit in CFAES, will review applications and select the Student Organization of the Year and winners in each category\*.

**\*Note:** Should the selection committee determine activities submitted within a given category for the Excellence Awards are not of sufficient rigor to be determined “excellent,” an award will not be given in that category.

**AWARDS** – Awards will be announced at the 2021 College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Celebration of Students Program on Thursday, April 15th.

**This year's program will be a virtual presentation.** Should your organization win one of the awards, the video you send will be used during the event and your award will be mailed to your organization’s representative as provided below.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

**Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information for President of Organization -**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Where to Mail Your Award:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021 BY 5:00 P.M.  
to [trefz.2@osu.edu](mailto:trefz.2@osu.edu).**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Dr. Marilyn Trefz at 614-915-1150 or [trefz.2@osu.edu](mailto:trefz.2@osu.edu)

**DUE February 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

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**Supporting the Mission of CFAES** – demonstrated support of one or more of the [CFAES vision statement](#) goals through activities. *(maximum response limit is 1,500 characters):*

Empty response area for supporting the mission of CFAES.

**APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION:**

By submitting this completed application form, I authorize the release of the information on this form to the Selection Committee. I also affirm all information provided in this form is an accurate assessment of my participation and level of responsibility in the activities.

**REQUIRED**

Click check-box to agree

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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