



Leadership Honors

Application Materials

Fall 2009

Purpose

Leadership Honors are awarded to individuals upon graduation in order to recognize and honor their leadership contributions to the University of Alaska Anchorage while maintaining academic excellence. Leadership activities must enhance the educational mission of UAA, but more importantly, offer other students the opportunity to grow and excel. Involvement must promote individual and collective growth, thereby enhancing student life at UAA. Recipients of UAA Leadership Honors are bestowed crimson honor cords and are commemorated at the spring Commencement ceremony.

Criteria for Eligibility

- Currently enrolled in at least three credits at the University of Alaska Anchorage and in good disciplinary standing
- Minimum of 3.0/4.0 cumulative UAA GPA (at time of application)
- On-going leadership involvement at UAA for four semesters if receiving a bachelor's degree, or two semesters if receiving other degrees or certificates
 - The student's involvement may include memberships with campus groups, coordinating events on campus, holding campus job or being appointed or elected to a leadership position with an organization, board, or committee
 - The student's involvement must have contributed to the improvement of student life on campus (i.e.: The student identified a need and filled it. They did not just watch from the sidelines, but instead made a significant difference by their involvement).
- Applicants must be graduating in the semester that they apply
- Submitted a complete application

Awarding Process

- The Leadership Honors Selection Committee is composed of two faculty/staff members and two students **not** applying for Leadership Honors.
- Applicants who meet the criteria for eligibility are not automatically guaranteed Leadership Honors. The committee reviews applicants on the merit of their involvement and how it enhanced student life.

Application Deadline

To be considered for Leadership Honors, a complete application must be received by Student Life and Leadership in Student Union 218 by **5pm on October 23, 2009**.

Questions

Should you have questions regarding Leadership Honors or this process, please contact Hinkley Cahill, Assistant Director, Student Life and Leadership at 907-786-1371 or via e-mail at hinkley@uaa.alaska.edu.



Leadership Honors Application

Name: _____

Degree Program: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please attach the following application materials to this form:

1. Narrative Leadership Essay

Essays should be no more than 5 typed pages and address the following questions:

1. What is your personal definition of leadership?
2. Describe your most significant UAA leadership experience or challenge. Explain how this experience influenced your understanding of leadership.
3. In what ways have your leadership contributions strengthened the UAA campus community, aided in the creation of a positive campus environment, or bettered the collegiate experience for your fellow students?
4. How have your leadership experiences at UAA influenced your personal or professional development?

2. Leadership Resume

Resumes should include dates associated with each experience and describe the following:

1. Elected or appointed leadership positions and jobs with your areas of responsibilities, accomplishments, and/or skills acquired
2. Organizations, committees, or boards for which you hold membership and any details of your work with these groups
3. Scholarships, honors, awards or special recognitions

3. 2 Letters of Recommendation from Current UAA Faculty or Staff Members

4. A Copy of your Application for Graduation or Letter of Degree Completion with Date of Receipt

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Release to Verify G.P.A

I, _____, Student ID # _____

authorize Student Life and Leadership to verify my cumulative UAA G.P.A. I hereby attest that the information in this application is true and correct.

Signature _____

Date _____

To be considered for Leadership Honors, please submit your complete application to:

**Student Life and Leadership
University of Alaska Anchorage
3211 Providence Drive, Student Union 218
Anchorage, AK 99508**

For Office Use Only

Date/Time Received: _____ Staff Initials: _____

Application Complete: Yes No Meets Academic Requirements: Yes No Staff Initials: _____



Leadership Honors
Letter of Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

To the Applicant: You may give this form to any staff or faculty member who can speak directly and specifically about your leadership experience, ability, and potential at UAA.

To the Recommender: This student is applying for Leadership Honors, a distinction awarded upon graduation to outstanding UAA students in recognition of academic excellence and leadership contributions to the campus community. The student's leadership contributions must have enhanced the educational mission of UAA, but more importantly, offered other students the opportunity to grow and excel. The student's involvement must promote individual and collective growth, thereby enhancing student life at UAA.

Your letter of recommendation will be reviewed by the Leadership Honors Review Committee and scored as part of this student's application packet. The committee awards points to students who submit letters containing the following information:

1. Examples of the student's strengths in regard to leadership, co-curricular involvement, and/or character and the influence said assets have had upon the UAA campus community or a specific student population.
2. A clear explanation of why you personally feel this student is deserving of such a high honor.

We strongly encourage all recommenders to support your statements with references to your personal experiences with the student.

Please return your completed, signed letter of recommendation to the student applicant. Letters should be provided to the student directly and not enclosed in envelopes. The student's application will be considered incomplete if your letter is not included with his and/or her application packet.

Please Print Legibly

Recommender's Name: _____

Position or Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature

Date

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