



MARY JEANNE BYRD AWARD

FOR POLITICAL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

PURPOSE:

The Mary Jeanne Byrd Award for Political and Civic Engagement will be presented annually to an outstanding undergraduate majoring or minoring in Political Science who, through her or his dedication and commitment to community service, activism, service learning, and/or volunteerism, has enhanced life in her/his community.

ELIGIBILITY:

Candidates will be judged on their exemplary record of humanitarian, political, civic, educational, or other service to the community. Specifically, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a full-time undergraduate student at Winthrop University in good standing with the university.
- The applicant must be a Political Science major or minor.
- The applicant must complete 50 or more hours of volunteer off-campus service.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION/NOMINATION & DEADLINE:

The completed application or nomination must be received by the Department of Political Science no later than **Friday, March 20th, 2020 at 5pm**. A complete application will include:

- A reflective essay written by the applicant/nominee (two pages) that discusses the candidate's service activities and experience.
- One supporting letter of recommendation from a person within or outside the university who has direct knowledge of the nature and benefit of the community service. For students who are nominated for the award, the letter of nomination will replace the letter of recommendation.
- A copy of the applicant's current transcript and any other supporting materials relating to the applicant's community service activities.

due 5pm on March 20th, 2020