Civic Engagement Awards and Scholarships

SUNY Cortland is committed to excellence in service to the community. Since April 2005, the college has presented awards to area students, faculty members, college staff, and community members to recognize the significant contributions of individuals and groups to our community’s quality of life through their leadership in a variety of civic engagement activities. The Institute for Civic Engagement and the Office of Institutional Advancement have also provided students with scholarships for their exemplary civic engagement initiatives.

Nominations

- SUNY Cortland students, faculty, staff, and people in the greater Cortland community can nominate another person, a group, or themselves. Eligibility requirements for specific awards and scholarships that are administered by The Institute for Civic Engagement are listed on page 2 of this packet. The nomination form is on page 3, and it is also available at www.cortland.edu/civicengagement.
- Information about other scholarships is available at http://www2.cortland.edu/cost-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/. Look for the button on the left.

Review Process

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee composed of SUNY Cortland staff, faculty, and students, and Cortland community leaders. Award recipients will be announced in campus and community publications in mid-April 2012; the Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2012, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Jacobus Lounge (in Brockway Hall).

Please e-mail your completed nomination form by Friday, March 2, 2012, to The Institute for Civic Engagement at getinvolved@cortland.edu. Should you have questions, call The Institute for Civic Engagement at 753-2403.

On behalf of the Civic Engagement Leadership Awards Committee, Thank you!

Sincerely,

Richard Kendrick, Director, Institute for Civic Engagement
Christopher Latimer, Associate Director, Institute for Civic Engagement
John Shirley, Director, Career Services, and Coordinator of the Internship and Volunteer Program
John Suarez, Service-Learning Coordinator
Nominees for the awards and scholarships that are administered by the Institute for Civic Engagement are automatically considered for a Leadership in Civic Engagement Award.

**Scholarship Eligibility**

Nominees must be registered for at least one full semester at SUNY Cortland in 2011-2012.

1. **BorgWarner Morse TEC Scholarship.** First preference will be given to family members of BorgWarner Morse TEC employees living in Central and Southern New York, including Syracuse, Binghamton, Elmira, Watkins Glen, Ithaca, Waverly, Penn Yan, and Cortland. If there are no qualified candidates from this group, application is open to all. Minimum GPA: 3.0.

2. **Institute for Civic Engagement Scholarship** is open to all majors who are freshmen, sophomores, or juniors, and who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at SUNY Cortland. Students must have shown exemplary civic engagement leadership and entrepreneurism during at least one academic year at SUNY Cortland. Activities include volunteer work, community action, service-learning, social justice, and political action that is consistent with SUNY Cortland’s mission statement. Minimum GPA: 2.50.

3. **The James H. and Dorothy A. Sarvay Scholarship for Community Service** was established by the friends and family of James H. Sarvay, a prominent business owner in the Cortland community and a member of the Cortland College Foundation. This merit/need-based scholarship supports SUNY Cortland juniors, seniors, or graduate students who are from Cortland County and who have demonstrated leadership in making a positive impact on the SUNY Cortland campus and/or in the Cortland Community. Minimum GPA: none.

4. **Judson Taylor Presidential Scholarship** recognizes and reinforces the value of making a difference through volunteering; it creates a lasting legacy that honors Dr. Judson Taylor’s contributions to SUNY Cortland. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to community betterment by volunteering or interning at local schools or non-profit organizations. Award criteria – a demonstrated commitment to community service, a demonstrated financial need, and a minimum GPA of 2.75.

5. **Lambda Phi Delta Service Scholarship.** Nominees must have demonstrated a record of active participation and positive impact in service to the SUNY Cortland community, must have completed 2 full years at SUNY Cortland, and must have at least 1 year remaining at SUNY Cortland. Minimum GPA: 2.5.

**Non-Monetary Awards Details**

1. **Cortland Area Chapter of the Alumni Association’s Community Service Award.** This student-only award recognizes someone whose civic engagement activities go beyond course/graduation requirements and whose efforts have significantly enhanced relations between SUNY Cortland and the greater Cortland community. Nominees must be of junior or senior standing. Minimum GPA: 2.50

2. **The Don Wilcox Civic Engagement Award** is awarded to groups on campus or in the community that are lessening the effects of hunger and homelessness. GPA requirement: none.

3. **Leadership in Civic Engagement Awards** are given to students, staff, faculty, and members of the greater Cortland community who have shown exemplary civic engagement leadership and entrepreneurism during at least one academic year at SUNY Cortland. Activities include volunteer work, community action, service-learning, social justice, and political action that is consistent with SUNY Cortland’s mission statement. GPA requirement: none.
Civic Engagement Awards and Scholarships: Nomination Form

Use this form to:
• Nominate a student for one or more scholarships
• Nominate an individual or group for one or more awards
• Self-nominate. A self-nomination must also include one 250-300 word (maximum) recommendation from another individual who can speak to your dedication to volunteerism and civic engagement.

Anyone nominated for one of these awards or scholarships will be considered for The Institute for Civic Engagement’s Leadership in Civic Engagement Award.

Be sure to complete numbers 1 through 8.

1. Nominee Information:
   Name ___________________________ (or contact person, if nominating a group)
   If a student is being nominated please include his/her C#: ___________________
   If the nominee is a student, is he/she a graduate __ or undergraduate __ student?
   Nominee’s Phone: __________________________ E-mail: __________________________

2. Scholarships
   □ I verify that the nominee will return to SUNY Cortland full-time for ___fall 2011 semester ___ spring 2012 semester

3. Check the scholarship(s), if any, for which you are nominating this returning student:
   □ BorgWarner Morse TEC Scholarship
   □ Institute for Civic Engagement Scholarship
   □ James H. and Dorothy A. Sarvay Scholarship for Community Service
   □ Judson Taylor Presidential Scholarship
   □ Lambda Phi Delta Service Scholarship

4. Check the award for which you are nominating this individual or group:
   □ Cortland Area Chapter of the Alumni Association’s Community Service Award (students only)
   □ The Don Wilcox Civic Engagement Award
   □ The Institute for Civic Engagement’s Leadership in Civic Engagement Award

5. The individual or group being nominated is (or is composed mostly of):
   □ Student(s) □ Faculty/Staff □ Adult community member(s) □ Youth community member(s)

6. Provide names and contact information of one other individual who is familiar with your nominee’s civic engagement activities:
   Name __________________________ E-mail __________________________ Phone ______________________

7. Name of person making nomination: __________________ Phone #: ________ E-mail: ______________

8. Please provide a 250- to 300-word (maximum) description of your nominee’s SUNY Cortland-based civic engagement activities and the impact of those activities. Give specific information, including dates and places.