



2020 Inspiration for the Next Generation Award *Presented by the Alumni Association of Gannon University*

Application Package

Purpose

The purpose is to identify a Gannon senior who embodies the ideals, mission and character of the University. This includes, but is not limited to, academic achievement, high moral character, leadership, service, and commitment to the University.

Award Eligibility

- Any graduating senior or past semester December graduate completing his/her Associate or Bachelor's Degree is eligible.
- Students may nominate themselves OR be nominated by a Gannon peer, teacher, or faculty member.
- All applicants must submit a completed application package, which consists of the following:
 - Application
 - One professional letter of recommendation
 - Short essay of 500 words or less
 - Co-curricular transcript (SOLD Office)
 - Resume
- Gannon University peers, teachers, or faculty members may nominate students through the submission of a letter of nomination (500 words or less) containing the student's contact information to Tami Faram at faram@gannon.edu. The nominated student will be notified and encouraged to complete an application.

Award Selection Criteria

The ideal candidate should exemplify the following characteristics:

- Exceptional academic achievement
- High moral character
- Leadership
- Service and commitment to Gannon University
- Willingness to support the ongoing efforts of the National Alumni Board

Submission Instructions

- Applications can be submitted electronically (www.gannonalumni.org/senioralumniaward), or in person to the Alumni Services Office on the 3rd Floor of Old Main.
- **Completed application packages must be received in the Gannon University Alumni Services Office, or online by close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on March 2, 2020.**
- Completed application packages should be sent/delivered to the following address:

Gannon University Alumni Services Office
Attn: Tami Faram
Director, Alumni Services
109 University Square
Erie, PA 16541

OR can be processed online at: **www.gannonalumni.org/senioralumniaward**

Award Notification

The Nominating Committee of the National Alumni Board will review applicants/nominees and make a final selection by March 20, 2020. The Award winner will be notified by March 25, 2020 and will be asked to attend the annual Gannon University Founder's Day Awards Ceremony on May 8, 2020. The awardee will also receive a \$150 prize.

Questions

Please direct all questions regarding this application to Tami Faram, Gannon University Director of Alumni Services, (814) 871-7473, or via email at faram@gannon.edu.



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HONOR STATEMENT: I certify that all of the information is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Alumni Association Awards Committee maintains the right to verify any part of the information provided. Additionally, I give permission for the Committee to access my student records, including student conduct records, in any of the departments on campus.

Signature

Date

Application

Personal Information of Nominee

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Campus Address: _____

Hometown: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Major: _____

Grad Year: _____

Awards and Honors

On or off campus. Not listed on co-curricular transcript

In the space provided, please list any/all awards and honors that you have received during your tenure at Gannon University. This includes, but is not limited to, Honor Roll, Dean’s List, Honors Program, Awards received from involvement outside the University etc. Please attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.

Award/Honor	Date Received	Awarded By
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Involvement and Activities

On or off campus. Not listed on co-curricular transcript

In the space provided, please list any and all organizations, agencies, groups that you have been involved with during your tenure at Gannon University. Also, please make note of any leadership positions or titles that you have held within each. This includes, but is not limited to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Church/Places of Worship not within the University etc. Please attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.

Organization	Dates (from/to)	Position Held	Dates (from/to)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Community Service/Volunteer Involvement

On or off campus. Not listed on co-curricular transcript

In the space provided, please list any/all community service and community involvement activities that you have been involved with during your tenure at Gannon University. This includes, but is not limited to, Gannon Project G.I.V.E Day, community/church involvement/fundraisers, other volunteer work, etc. Please attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.

Community Service/Volunteer Event	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Short-Essay

As a December 2019/May 2020 graduate of Gannon University, you will soon join the ranks of more than 39,000 fellow alumni from Gannon University and Villa Maria College. The National Alumni Board (NAB) and the alumni community are looking forward to your active involvement as an alumnus, representing the Class of 2020. As the newest inductees into the Gannon alumni network, we will look to you for new and innovative perspectives on how to best attract, educate, retain, and grow an active alumni community.

As a new alumnus, how would accomplish the following objectives?

- 1) Educate current students about the alumni community**
- 2) Connect current students with Gannon alumni**
- 3) Foster a sense of ‘community’ and ‘belonging’ amongst your fellow alumni**
- 4) Demonstrate how as a student you have supported the Gannon University Mission. How do you plan on supporting the mission as an alumnus?**

Gannon University Mission Statement

Gannon is a Catholic, Diocesan university dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. Our faculty and staff prepare students to be global citizens through programs grounded in the liberal arts and sciences and professional specializations. Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, we offer a comprehensive, values-centered learning experience that emphasizes faith, leadership, inclusiveness and social responsibility.

In a separate word processed document, please respond to the question above and submit with all application materials. We kindly ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- Your response should be **no more than** 500 words in length.
- Be original!
- Be creative!
- Be yourself!

(Please append type-written short-essay response here)



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Letter of Recommendation

I feel that _____ is most deserving of the “*Inspiration for the Next Generation*” Award, presented by the Gannon National Alumni Board at the 2020 Founder’s Day Ceremony.

Recommender Information

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Nominee Information

Email of nominee: _____

Phone number of nominee: _____

In an attached type-written narrative of 500 words or less, please explain why you feel the applicant, named herein, is deserving of the 2020 “*Inspiration for the Next Generation*” Award. Please include how the applicant will perpetuate alumni involvement and will embody the ideals, mission and character of the University through academic achievement, high moral character, leadership, service, and commitment to the University.