



WHAT IS THE TAPESTRY OF DIVERSE TALENTS?

The Tapestry of Diverse Talents, a program of the Memorial Union, is a pictorial mosaic that recognizes students, faculty, staff and alumni for the contributions to diversity they bring to North Dakota State University. Each semester individuals are inducted into the Tapestry. Inductees reflect the ages, socioeconomic statuses, mental and physical abilities, races, ethnicities, gender identities, religions, sexes, and sexual orientations of the University community. The Tapestry program kindles the spirit of diversity that is integral to the NDSU community.

The Tapestry recognizes NDSU students, faculty, staff and alumni for their accomplishments regarding cultural pluralism. Therefore, nominees should be persons who:

1. Demonstrate their commitment to diversity and multiculturalism through their life experiences wherein their impact and level of influence is felt locally, regionally, nationally or internationally;
2. Show a consistent pattern of going **above and beyond professional motivation (i.e. NDSU position) or the requirements of a course of study** by taking the personal initiative to create an inclusive and welcoming environment; and
3. Promote and facilitate social engagement among people from at least one of the following categories: people with varying ages, socioeconomic statuses, mental and physical abilities, races, ethnicities, gender identities, religions, sexes, and sexual orientations.

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HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE TAPESTRY OF DIVERSE TALENTS?

NOMINATOR TO-DO LIST:

1. Select a person who meets the Tapestry of Diverse Talents criteria
2. Complete a nomination form (See page 3)
3. Contact two other individuals to submit a letter of support for the nominee (Prompt for letter attached; See page 4)
 - If an NDSU student is not the nominator, one of the two letters must be written by a student.
 - Letters of support must be submitted to Hailey Goplen or Katie Harmelink in the Student Activities Office, Memorial Union

A COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. One completed nomination form (attached)
2. Two separate letters of support
 - If an NDSU student is not the nominator, one of the two letters must be written by a student.

SUBMISSION

- Complete applications should be submitted by **Friday, January 22nd, 2016.**
- Questions and comments can be directed to:
 - Hailey Goplen (hailey.goplen@ndsu.edu)
 - Katie Harmelink (katherine.harmelink@ndsu.edu)

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NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE:

DATE:

STATUS OF NOMINEE: Student Faculty Staff Alumni

NAME OF NOMINATOR(S):

NOMINATOR(S) PHONE NUMBER:

NOMINATOR(S) EMAIL:

Please identify the categories of diversity in which the nominee has been engaged, including but not limited to: **(Check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Ability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Ability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socioeconomic Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING PROMPT ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.

1. Please include clear, specific examples of actions, projects, and decisions that demonstrate how the nominee has gone **above and beyond** the parameters of his or her coursework or employment to promote diversity.

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WHAT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN A LETTER OF SUPPORT?

DIRECTIONS: Please ask two individuals to write a letter of support for the nominee. Letters of support can be turned in to Hailey Goplen or Katie Harmelink in the Student Activities Office, Memorial Union or sent via email to hailey.goplen@ndsu.edu or katherine.harmelink@ndsu.edu. Letters of support must be written in response to the prompt provided below.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT MUST INCLUDE:

1. Clear, specific examples of actions, projects, and decisions that demonstrate how the nominee has gone above and beyond the parameters of his or her coursework or employment to promote diversity
2. Categories of diversity in which the nominee has been engaged, including but not limited to: (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Ability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Ability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socioeconomic Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

DEADLINE: Letters of support must be submitted by Friday, January 22nd, 2016.

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NOMINATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Nomination form (See page 3)
- ☐ Letters of support from 2 individuals other than the nominator
 - One letter must be a student
 - 2 total letters of support must be included in order to be considered complete
 - Letters must address questions asked in the letter of support prompt (See page 4)
- ☐ Materials turned into Hailey Goplen or Katie Harmelink in the Student Activities Office, Memorial Union
 - hailey.goplen@ndsu.edu (701-231-8566)
 - katie.harmelink@ndsu.edu (701-231-7350)