

**COMMERCE BANK PRESIDENTIAL
STUDENT AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
IN ENHANCING MULTICULTURALISM AND DIVERSITY AT KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

PURPOSE OF AWARD The Commerce Bank Presidential Student Award for Distinguished Service in Enhancing Multiculturalism recognizes outstanding individual contributions to the promotion of multiculturalism and diversity by students. Nominations and applications for this award will be accepted for Kansas State University for the 2023-2024 academic year.

ELIGIBILITY This award is for undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in the enhancement of multiculturalism and diversity at Kansas State University prior to **June 30, 2024**. To be eligible for the award, the applicant/nominee must have been enrolled during the academic school year of **2024-2025** and must attend the awards ceremony during the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. week scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28, 2025**.

NATURE OF AWARD The recipient of this award will receive a plaque and a cash award. The award will be presented at a special reception during the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Week and will be recognized at spring commencement.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION The criteria for this award include the following:

1. The nominee must be a KSU undergraduate or graduate student in good academic standing.
2. The nominee must have demonstrated exceptional character, leadership and service toward the enhancement of multiculturalism and diversity in any active form at KSU such as:
 - Outstanding service and leadership in areas that affect historically under-represented students.
 - Outstanding contributions in creating awareness, appreciation, and respect for diverse student populations.
 - Outstanding efforts in creating and helping to maintain a campus environment which contributes to the well-being of historically under-represented students or to the cultural competence of all students.

APPLICATIONS/ NOMINATIONS Students who are eligible for this award can apply directly or be nominated by other university students, faculty, staff or administrators. The deadline for nominations/applications is **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024**. Applications may be obtained at <https://www.k-state.edu/inclusion/about/commercebank.html> or from:

**Student Belonging and Inclusion
224 Anderson Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-0101
(785) 532-6276**

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NOMINATION FORM

Please provide the following information about the applicant or nominee:

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Current classification (circle one): Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate

Major: _____ Minor or Concentration: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Documentation supportive of this nomination/application should include:

- a) A letter of nomination summarizing the applicant's activities, service or leadership contributing to the enhancement of multiculturalism and diversity.
- b) **One** additional letter of reference, either from campus or an employer reference. All **references should include full and current contact information:** name, phone number, title, address, and e-mail address. No more than one letter of reference will be accepted. The letters of reference should be included in the nomination submitted in PDF form. **No letters of reference sent under separate cover will be accepted.**
- c) The applicant or nominee's résumé.
- d) A student-issued university transcript.

Name of person(s) making the nomination:

_____	_____
(Name)	(Address)
_____	_____
(Phone)	(Email)

Return completed form and all documentation supportive of this nomination by
5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024 to:

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Please note there will be no exceptions made to the deadline.