

## **Tri-State Diversity Conference -- Diversity Champion Awards**

*The Tri-State Diversity Conference's goal is to network and link people and resources together in order to better integrate diversity into programs, policies, and practices for creating community wellbeing.*

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**Purpose:** The Tri-State Diversity Conference Diversity Champion Awards recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams that contribute to diversity and inclusion through exemplary leadership. Recipients should demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion through diversity and multicultural programming, cultural competency, community outreach activities, or other initiatives that are in keeping with the goal of this annual Tri-State Diversity Conference.

**Criteria for Selection:** Success in leading and enhancing diversity and inclusion efforts can be demonstrated in many ways. Nominations should be based on demonstrated leadership in one or more of the following areas:

- Creates leadership opportunities, teams, and organizations that promote a diverse and inclusive culture
- Sponsors or actively promotes programs, initiatives, or projects in the area of diversity and inclusion.
- Collaborates with others in the creation, sponsorship, and implementation of programs, initiatives, policies, or projects in the area of diversity and inclusion
- Recognizes and celebrates exemplary individual and team behaviors that promote diversity and inclusion
- Creates, sustains, or promotes special programs, initiatives, strategies to capitalize on opportunities or respond to challenges tied to diversity, and community support
- Builds awareness, understanding, and relationships in the name of diversity and inclusion

**Awards:** A maximum of two award recipients will be chosen by the Tri-State Diversity Awards Committee: (1) Individual Champion Award and (2) Team Champion Award. Award recipients will be honored during the annual Tri-State Diversity Conference. Their names will be added to an awards plaque, and will be posted on the eXtension Diversity in Higher Education website. If nominations do not meet the expectations of the Tri-State Diversity Champions criteria, the Selection Committee reserves the right not to make an award or awards.

Award winners will receive a certificate and \$100 prize. Award winners may choose to keep the \$100 for their own purposes or designate the prize money to support the budget of a program or department of their choice.

**Instructions and Checklist for Submitting Nominations:** The nomination deadline is **January 16, 2015, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

- Use a separate Nomination Form (attached) for each nomination (individual or team). Make sure that the nominee contact information is accurate and complete, and includes the two (2) pages requested (below). Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
- A Nomination Statement should be included with the Nomination Form. Nomination statements **should not exceed one page** (1" margins, 12 pt font size, double-spaced). The Nomination Statement should specifically identify the individual's or team's contributions, accomplishments, and medium or long-term impact in accordance with the criteria for selection outlined above.
- All nominations must be filed electronically via email. Confirmation of receipt will be sent to nominators.

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**Award recipients will be announced at the Tri-State Diversity Luncheon on Thursday, February 19, 2015, as part of the Tri-State Diversity Conference.**

**Completed nomination packets are due by**

**January 16, 2015, 11:59 p.m. EST, and should be submitted electronically (email) to: [holmes.86@osu.edu](mailto:holmes.86@osu.edu)**

For more information, contact:

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**Tri-State Diversity Champion Award Nomination Form (to be included with  
Nomination Statement)**

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Check which Nomination Category and provide the information requested:

**Individual Nomination**

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title & Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Daytime Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Nominee** (Nominees in this category may consist of people from more than one organization.)

**Team Primary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title & Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Daytime Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Team Members' Names, Titles, and Affiliations**

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Name of Nominator:

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Relationship to Nominee: (Supervisor, Colleague, etc.):

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Title and Affiliation:

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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