



Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award 2020-21 Nomination Process Guidelines

Purpose of the Award

The Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award is an annual award that bestows the highest level of recognition to a CSUSM student or student organization for significant achievements in advancing the culture of philanthropy at CSUSM.

Timetable for 2021 (revised annually)

Monday, April 19 Call for Nominations via University Communications update
Wednesday, May 19 Deadline for Nominations
Wednesday, June 2 Committee selections due to the President
Wednesday, June 9 Award Announcement to Committee (not public in 2020)
Wednesday, June 16 Foundation Board Director ~ Annual Meeting

Eligibility

All current CSUSM students or student organizations in good standing with the Dean of Students are eligible for nomination. This includes all graduate and undergraduate students who graduate in May 2021 or over the summer of 2021.

Nomination Process

Students may be nominated by any campus community member or self-nominate.

Nominations packets and questions should be directed to Donna Day, Secretary to the CSUSM Foundation Board. She can be reached at dday@csusm.edu.

Nomination packets must include the following (please note, two items are provided by student nominee):

- *Prepared by the student nominee, no length requirement or limit:* Campus involvement resume detailing campus activities and accomplishments that contribute to philanthropy as described in the selection criteria section below.
- *Prepared by the student nominee, no length requirement or limit:* Personal statement regarding the significance of personal involvement in philanthropy.
- Recommendation from CSUSM faculty or staff citing contributions made to philanthropy (no length requirement or limit).
- All nominations must address criteria number 1 below. Although not required, nominations should also address criteria numbers 2-4. Awards will be based on a nominee's efforts and activities as a student while attending CSUSM.

Selection Criteria

1. **CSUSM Goals** – How has the nominee demonstrated significant achievement in creating a culture of philanthropy at CSUSM?
2. **Leadership** – How has the nominee demonstrated superior leadership and commitment to creating a culture of philanthropy at CSUSM?
3. **Creativity** – How has the nominee advanced the existing culture of philanthropy at CSUSM in unique and creative ways?
4. **Impact** – Has the nominee been successful in advancing the University's goals in the area of philanthropy at CSUSM? What has been the impact or results of their efforts at CSUSM?

Selection Process

The Selection Committee will be comprised of the following

1. Director of Annual Giving Programs (Chair)
2. Foundation Board Faculty Representative Director
3. Recipient from a past Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award
4. Student representative selected by the Dean of Students
5. Secretary to the Foundation Board

Selection Committee will review nominations and recommend no more than two nominees to the President, providing their strengths and weaknesses. The President will make the final decision based upon the Selection Committee's recommendations. Interviews of finalists for the award may be conducted in order to identify the recipient.

The Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award will be recognized at the annual scholarship reception / gala (date tba) and/or the Foundation Board annual meeting (spring). Awardee will receive two complimentary tickets to the annual scholarship reception, recognition at the reception, and a plaque in their honor.