



President's Student Champion Award for Inclusive Excellence and Diversity 2024-25 Guidelines and Call for Nominations

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The President's Student Champion Award for Inclusive Excellence and Diversity is an annual award that bestows the highest level of recognition to a CSUSM student for significant achievements in advancing the University's goals in diversity, inclusive excellence, educational equity and social justice.

ELIGIBILITY

All current CSUSM students with a minimum 2.75 GPA are eligible for nomination. This includes all graduate and undergraduate students, including those who graduated in May 2024 or during the Summer of 2024.

TIMELINE

AUG 26	SEP 13	SEP 27	OCT 07	OCT 17
• Call for nominations	• Deadline for nominations/ dossier submissions	• Committee recommendation due to President Neufeldt	• Award announcement	• All People's Luncheon and Award Recognition

NOMINATION PROCESS

Any member of the campus community may nominate a student for this award. Students may also choose to self-nominate.

Nomination Dossiers

Nomination dossiers must include the following, and in this order:

- **Cover Page:** Prepared by the student nominee and is to include the following:
 - The student's full name (with pronunciation and preferred pronouns)
 - Major
 - CSUSM Student ID number
 - CSUSM email address
 - Phone number
- **Personal Statement:** Prepared by the student nominee (no length requirement or limit): Personal statement regarding the significance of personal involvement in campus diversity and inclusion initiatives.
- **Campus Involvement Resume:** Prepared by the student nominee (no length requirement or limit): Campus involvement resume detailing campus activities and accomplishments contributing to diversity and inclusion at CSUSM as described in the selection criteria section below.
- **Faculty/Staff Recommendation:** Recommendation from faculty or staff citing contributions made to diversity and inclusion at CSUSM (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 at CSUSM.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **CSUSM Goals** – How has the nominee demonstrated significant achievement in advancing the University's goals in diversity, educational equity, inclusive excellence, and/or social justice?
2. **Leadership** – How has the nominee demonstrated superior leadership and commitment to the enhancement, development, and sustainability of diversity, inclusive excellence, educational equity, and/or social justice?
3. **Creativity** – How has the nominee advanced existing diversity initiatives in unique and creative ways?
4. **Impact** – Has the nominee been successful in advancing the University's goals in the area of diversity? What has been the impact or results of their efforts?

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Committee is comprised of the following members:

- The Chief Diversity Officer or delegated administrator
- The Dean of Students
- One Diversity Faculty Associate chosen by the Office of Inclusive Excellence
- A recipient of a past President's Inclusive Excellence Award
- One student representative from ASI

The Selection Committee members will review nominations and may conduct interviews to identify finalists for the award. The Selection Committee shall then recommend a student finalist to the President, providing their strengths and weaknesses. The President will make the final decision based on the Selection Committee's recommendations.

Once the President selects the award recipient, an announcement will be sent to the campus community. The honoree will receive a plaque and be recognized at the annual All People's Luncheon.

SUBMISSION/INFORMATION CONTACT

Nominations and all questions should be directed to Lucero Ordonez in the Office of Inclusive Excellence; by email at lordonez@csusm.edu. ***Please, include the award name in the email's subject line.***