

Florida Gulf Coast University Newman Civic Fellows Selection Process

[This document contains both a process overview and example messaging.]

Selection Process Description:

1. Send out an email to all Faculty and Staff requesting nominations. (see below “*Newman Nomination email*”)
2. Send email to Newman Nominees (Sample email is below “*Newman Candidate Email to Student*”)
3. The Office of Service-Learning Team reviews the applications and advances the top 3 candidates to the University President
4. President selects Newman Civic Fellow and formally announces the recipient the annual Community Engagement Day Award Ceremony (all nominees are also recognized with a certificate)

Newman Nomination Email:

Sent on Behalf of Jessica Rhea and the Office of Service-Learning:

Greetings FGCU Faculty and Staff,

Each year, President Bradshaw has the opportunity to nominate one student leader (sophomores or juniors preferred) for the Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellows Award <http://compact.org/initiatives/awards-programs/the-frank-newman-leadership-award/>, which recognizes community-involved student leaders who

1. Go beyond direct service to seek long-term solutions for social issues.
2. Inspire and engage others.
3. Demonstrate the motivation and potential for effective and long-term civic engagement.

This year, the Office of Service-Learning will be accepting applications for this prestigious honor and presenting the top candidates to President Bradshaw; he will then select this year's recipient, submit the nomination, and present the award to the nominee at Community Engagement Day in Alico Arena on Friday, April 15th.

If you would like to nominate a student for this award, please send the student's name and email to me, Jessica Rhea jrhea@fgcu.edu along with a brief paragraph highlighting the student's work in the community and how it aligns with the above criteria.

Deadline for faculty and staff nominations: Wednesday, February 10, 2015 by 5pm.

***Once nominated the students will be contacted and provided with the application materials.

Newman Candidate Email to Student

Dear _____,

Exciting News! You have been nominated by the Honors Program to apply for the **2016 Newman Civic Fellows Award**.

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Award<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001A64m3xC5u5CCIGyCg_rGHQKZTYzhDF09r2CvbCTUh8nVCI8zAxYzkWV8f3lpZmhBrMApy4uh9nzQ3o_6nmX5VVFduDjYsE32RnBrWf_BIA1A6XXXSEbQnQVSBU-6XDVf8ahNvgIzd9j9AxV892atW7Xg0vSouBAfd7l6Omq2N9-VfbNNzAk67hsCttN5-nNgKmYQSFmmakeP7NqEdKlvZBt6_YFlSD8aoMcyAmSVHhJ6DtR6m_WB6rTyqkuwNCu2lypXuaB0L-0=&c=&ch=>>, which recognizes community-involved student leaders who

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Nominated students will have the opportunity to complete the application process for this prestigious honor and the top candidates will be presented to President Bradshaw; he will then select this year's recipient, submit the nomination, and present the award to the nominee at FGCU's Community Engagement Day on Friday, April 15th in Alico Arena.

Application process: *****Due Monday, February 22nd by 5:00pm.**

1) Please submit an essay with the following information in the heading:

Name

Estimated Year of Graduation

Major

Eagle e-mail

Cell Phone #

Please include information about your commitment to service, examples of your service, and the issue(s) you actively address. Highlight how you address the root causes of social issues and how your efforts help build the capacity of community-based organizations. Please also share what motivates you to serve and examples of how you have stepped up to take a leadership role connected to your service endeavors. (Maximum 500 words)

2) Submit a brief (Maximum 200 words) abstract summarizing your civic leadership (written in 3rd person). See example below:

Sample Newman Civic Fellow Leadership Profiles

Example: Roger Reis, a second year student at Towncity University, is a student leader active in issues of immigrant rights. For the past two years he has worked closely with Immigrant Rights Organization, a local nonprofit that advocates for the rights of illegal immigrants—specifically students. He is a valued contributor to their public policy efforts and has become a recognized leader in discussions of immigration locally. Roger is an exceptionally charismatic leader who is capable of generating excitement and energy for a wide range of projects. His potential for bringing about improvements in the quality of life for marginalized populations, and for inspiring others to get involved, is unlimited.

3) Submit a picture of yourself

Please email these materials to me, Jessica Rhea, at jrhea@fgcu.edu<<mailto:jrhea@fgcu.edu>> by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 22nd.

Feel free to contact me with questions.

Looking forward to receiving your application,