

Barry University

Newman Civic Fellows Selection Process

At Barry University, the Center for Community Service Initiatives (CCSI) coordinates the Newman Civic Fellows selection process as part of the annual Community Engagement Awards. *Community Impact* is one of seven award categories. The Community Engagement Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the winners.

The Community Impact Award is presented to individual students and student organizations for exemplary community engagement—including service, research, and/or advocacy—that has a measurable impact on the community. Individual winners (current or previous) who are freshmen and sophomores are eligible for selection by the University President, on the CCSI's recommendation, as Barry's nominee for Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellows Award. The Newman Award honors "inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country."

Community Impact Award Nomination Eligibility: Nominees must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students and clubs/organizations in good standing at Barry University.

Community Impact Award Nomination Criteria

- An innovative approach to developing or enhancing University efforts to address community issues and needs
- Diverse forms of engagement such as community service (volunteer work), service-learning, community-focused internships and field placements, advocacy, community building, and civic leadership
- Clear demonstration of civic leadership skills and the ability to inspire other students and/or members of the community
- Promise of sustainability through efforts to build initiatives into the University's programs and structure
- Tangible evidence of impact on campus and/or community (e.g., number of volunteers recruited, amount of money raised, number of in-kind donations, number of community residents who benefited from the project, etc.)

Community Impact Award Nomination Requirements

1. Nomination Form (completed)
2. Individual's resume **or** 200-word profile of club/organization
3. Statement in 300–500 words describing how the nominee has met the criteria
4. Two letters of support – one of which *must* be written by a community partner or faculty member

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