

2016

Big XII Conference

On Black

Student Government

Recognition Awards Packet



Established at the University of Missouri-Columbia 1977

***ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL BY 4:59 P.M.  
CENTRAL STANDARD TIME FEBRUARY 3, 2016.***

***OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2016.***

***INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED***

<p><b>Big XII Council on Black Student Government</b>  <b>2016 Recognition Awards Information</b></p>
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The Awards Committee of the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government is pleased to accept applications for the following recognition awards:

- Alvin Ailey Award
- Barbara Jordan Award
- Martin Luther King Jr. Award
- Mickey Leland Award
- Nelson Mandela Award
- Brenda Burt Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award
- Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of the Year Award

### **Application Instructions**

**These awards operate as a nomination process. Individuals can nominate themselves. All institutions are eligible.**

Nominations should be submitted through the following process:

- All applicants must fill out the awards application, **checking the appropriate award of interest.**
- Please use **one application per award.**
- The application form must be **completed and signed** by the appropriate persons.
- All questions and items required for each award **must be typed separately on 8 1/2" by 11" standard white paper. Only double-spaced, typed pages in MLA format will be accepted.**
- **Applications must be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font**
- The application form will serve as the cover sheet to your scholarship packet.  
**The form must be typed and include all appropriate hand-written signatures.**
- Please limit responses to each question to 1000 words or less.
- Applicants are **NOT to place their names on these essays. Please exclude any identifying items.** Applicants are strongly encouraged to enclose as many supporting items as possible with each application.
- Only activities /programs sponsored or participated in or after **December 31, 2014** will be considered valid.
- **Failure to follow all instructions will result in disqualification.**

## **Application Instructions**

All application materials must be:

- **Submitted via email to [BigXIIAwards@gmail.com](mailto:BigXIIAwards@gmail.com) by 4:59 p.m. (CST) on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.** (Early submission is strongly encouraged.)
- Completed application includes the **final application form with proper signatures, typed answers to questions, and supporting items (if necessary).**
- Completed, typed and signed application form should be the first page of the packet. **Incomplete, un-typed and unsigned forms will not be accepted.**
- Only one official transcript per applicant is needed. Official transcripts must be submitted by mail to:

Mrs. Brenda Burt, Faculty  
The University of Texas at Austin  
African and African Diaspora Studies Department  
Gordon & White Bldg., Room 3.200J  
210 W. 24th Street, STOP 3400  
Austin, TX 78712  
Attn: Big XII Conference on Black Student Government

- **Transcripts must be postmarked by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.**

All questions may be e-mailed to Mrs. Burt: [princekwame@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:princekwame@austin.utexas.edu).  
Or call at (512) 475-7971

All application materials must be completed and submitted together. A completed application includes a finalized application form with proper signatures, typed explanations, and supporting items (if necessary). The completed and signed application form should be the first page.

**Incomplete and unsigned forms will not be accepted.**

**2016 Big XII Council on Black Student Government  
Recognition Awards Application**

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Name

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Institution

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City, State, & Zip Code

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Telephone

E-Mail

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Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_

President

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**Recognition Awards**

**(Please check one. Submit one application packet per award. Duplicate forms as necessary.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Alvin Ailey Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Barbara Jordan Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Martin Luther King Jr. Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Mickey Leland Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Nelson Mandela Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Most Outstanding F.A.T. of the Year Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Brenda Burt Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award

I hereby certify that all information and supporting material accompanying this Award Application is valid and accurate, and occurred after December 31, 2015.

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**Advisor's Signature / Date**

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**President's Signature / Date**

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**Preparer's Signatures (if different from above) / Date**

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**ALVIN AILEY AWARD**

- Two (2) page description essay detailing your performing/fine arts ability and how you have used or use this ability to contribute meaningfully to your community.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a mentor, advisor, or teacher/professor concerning your noteworthy contribution to the community through your talent.

**BARBARA JORDAN AWARD**

- A resume of student government experience, programs, and responsibilities.
- 500 words or fewer essay describing what motivated you to become involved in student government and the importance of political awareness and action.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AWARD**

- 500 words or less essay describing diversity and what you believe your responsibilities to be as a member of a diverse community.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from peers who have a deep knowledge of your efforts, or have worked with you describing your contributions to breaking the walls of racial inequity.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an advisor/professor describing the contribution you have made to break the walls of racial inequity.
- A detailed resume of pertinent awards/honors, employment, community service, campus involvement, and/or original programming.

**MICKEY LELAND AWARD**

- 500 words or less essay detailed description of your most challenging community service experience. Describe why it was so, and the results of that experience.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from the supervisor, or advisor, of one of your community service experiences.
- Detailed community service/campus involvement resume.

**NELSON MANDELA AWARD**

- Two (2) page description of a martyr whom you feel exemplifies the qualities of leadership, organization, courage, communication, and self-sacrifice including how and why they fit these characteristics. Include how you believe you resemble this individual.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an advisor, professor, or supervisor describing how you exemplify leadership, organization, courage, communication, and self-sacrifice on your campus or in your community.
- A detailed resume of your pertinent awards/honors, employment, community service, campus involvement, and/or original programming.

**MRS. BRENDA BURT OUTSTANDING *ADVISOR* OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- A detailed resume listing activities/groups/programs you are responsible for advising and their purpose.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from students whom are actively participating in a group/activity/program you are responsible for advising and level of competency.
- One letter of recommendation from your current supervisor, VPSA or President of the institution where you are employed.

## Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of the Year Award

- List all Freshman Action Team Members and/or Executive Board.
- Describe in detail what efforts were made to promote and contribute to academic success as a F.A.T., as well as how this action benefitted the freshmen (i.e. Study Sessions).
- Include the Mission Statement for your F.A.T. (not your B.S.A). Make sure to include how your F.A.T. is implementing the goals in your mission statement.
- **2014-2015 Philanthropy:** Provide your F.A.T.'s physical wellness program(s). Include a full written description with pictures detailing how it met the needs of incoming students to your campus.
- Describe in detail your respective F.A.T.'s community service project or projects (not including the required philanthropy).
- Describe in detail ALL respective programs and/or events, which will be held throughout the 2014-2015 academic school year. (This can include events/ programs that will take place after the book's due date.)
- Describe in detail F.A.T.'s required mentor/mentee program. At least one social event required for all the mentor and mentees.
- Describe in detail all involvement in campus council (e.g. BSU, BSA, etc.) and provide a letter from a respected council officer confirming F.A.T.'s involvement.
- Provide a general statement of why your F.A.T. should be recognized as "Outstanding" in a minimal one page double spaced essay, detailing how F.A.T. built leadership skills through events including but not limited to: programs, community service, mentorship, etc.
- You will be judged by the creativity/originality of the theme throughout the book.
- Provide a bound book with eight additional digital copies.