



## **Eighth Annual Commission on Higher Education Service Learning Competition**

The Commission views service learning as a meaningful endeavor with wholly positive outcomes for our students, faculty, and communities. Therefore, we believe an effective way to communicate to the general public the worth of service learning is to publicly recognize projects that represent the integration of student learning with community service. In order to accomplish this task, we are again holding one competition with three awards: one among the public universities in the four-year sector, one among the public colleges in the two-year sector, and one among the private colleges and universities. Our aim is to choose the single most commendable service learning project in each sector. For the purposes of the competition, we are defining service learning in the following manner: service learning is college student learning at any level and in any situation that is linked in a direct, hands-on fashion to the resolution of a problem or concern in a target community outside the institution. Projects may, but need not be, linked to academic credit and may also be collaborative ventures between public colleges and universities. The review panel will assess projects based on four chief criteria:

1. The ability to resolve community concerns or address community issues.
2. The degree to which the project enhances student learning.
3. The degree to which the project meets the parameters of the Commission's definition of Service Learning.
4. The project's impact on campus (e.g., the number of students involved).

Please complete the nomination form below, attach the narrative responses to the questions, and return the entire packet by January 16, 2009, to: The Office of Student Life- ASC 126 or BSC 101

It is our intention to convene a panel to review the nominations in February 2009 to choose three winning service learning projects. The Commission will award special Commendations of Excellence in Service Learning to the winning institutions at the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on March 5, 2009. Last year, the winners of this award also won a \$500 prize to be used to support the program. We anticipate that last year's sponsor will continue to support the award. Please note that winning programs from previous competitions are not eligible.

# NOMINATION FORM

## CHE SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT COMPETITION

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Phone Number of Project Director \_\_\_\_\_

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Establishment Date of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Unit That Administers Project \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Students Involved \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Institutional President \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINATED PROJECT (Insert your answer after each question.)

1. For purposes of this competition, the Commission on Higher Education defines service learning as college student learning at any level and in any situation that is linked in a direct, hands-on fashion to the resolution of a problem or concern in a target community outside the institution. Briefly, how does your project meet the parameters of this definition?

*(Insert answer here.)*

2. Specifically, which segments of the college/university community does your project involve?

*(Insert answer here.)*

3. How many students (specify degree levels to the extent possible) does the project affect?

*(Insert answer here.)*

4. Describe the target community or communities that your project serves?

*(Insert answer here.)*

5. Describe your project's effectiveness in helping to solve the problems or concerns in the target community?

*(Insert answer here.)*

6. Describe the degree to which your project enhances student learning?

*(Insert answer here.)*

7. Is there academic credit associated with the project (not necessary for submission)? If so, please explain the particulars.

*(Insert answer here.)*

8. If funding is required, how is the project funded and what is the approximate annual budget for the project?

*(Insert answer here.)*

9. Feel free to add any other comments you may have about your project.

*(Insert answer here.)*

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Deadline, Friday, January 16, 2009**