

Diana Baldwin Leadership and Advocacy Award Application and Essay Requirements

Application Deadline: February 1

Thank you for applying for the *Diana Baldwin Leadership and Advocacy Award*. Please complete the application below and submit your essay along with all other corresponding material to School of Health Professions Office of Development & Alumni Relations, 401 Lewis Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. Include your full name and MU Student ID number in the top right hand corner of all materials in your application packet. You must be a member in good standing with the Student Occupational Therapy Association of the University of Missouri-Columbia and the American Occupational Therapy Association.

In addition to the application, your packet should include:

- A personal statement reflecting the learning from being a change agent and awareness of being socially responsible and a specific commitment to future challenges
- A letter of recommendation from an individual or organization concerning the ability to lead demonstrated by the student and reflecting on the impact of the activity on enhancing meaningful participation in daily life and/or the ability to influence to meet societal needs for health and well being

The personal statement should be:

- Typed in Times New Roman or Arial
- Double spaced
- A minimum of 250 words and no more than two typed pages

Your essay should include:

- Evidence of involvement in projects/activities demonstrating initiation and implementation of:
 - Activism and advocacy, or
 - Activities benefiting a larger community, or
 - Activities that enhance the profile of occupational therapy through public awareness

The contact information you provide below will be the committee's only means of contacting you regarding questions or award notification. Please provide your most current contact information.

Name _____ Telephone Number () _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

MU Student ID # _____ Major _____

Graduation Date _____ Cum GPA _____

*Signature _____ Date _____

*By signing this application, you agree to the follow conditions should you be the selected recipient of the *Diana Baldwin Leadership and Advocacy Award*:

- You will provide a thank you note or card within 10 days of notification of this award to the School of Health Professions Office of Development, 401 Lewis Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. This note or card will be sent to the donor. If you have not provided this within 10 days of notification, your account will not be credited with the scholarship award.
- You should plan to attend the annual School of Health Professions Scholarship & Awards Luncheon traditionally held on Reading Day in May at the Reynolds Alumni Center. You and your parents will receive a formal invitation in the spring and you will be seated with Ms. Baldwin at that event.

If you have questions regarding the *Diana Baldwin Leadership and Advocacy Award*, please contact the School of Health Professions Office of Development at (573) 882-7356.