

STUDENT SUPPORT AWARD



Dear Graduate,

Mark your calendar! July 8, 2011, is the annual Excelsior College Commencement ceremony in Albany, NY. We hope that you will come and celebrate this exciting day with us, your family, friends, and fellow graduates.

At this year's ceremony, the Student Support Award will be presented honoring a special person or group whose valuable support has played a significant role in helping one of our graduates reach this monumental goal. Is there an individual or maybe an organization that was instrumental in your quest to earn your degree? Perhaps there was someone who provided you with time and/or resources, who helped keep you focused, cleared barriers for you, provided emotional or financial assistance — someone who cared as much as you did! Excelsior College wants to give you an opportunity to acknowledge this individual or organization by encouraging you to submit a nomination for the 2011 Student Support Award.

This award is intended to acknowledge individuals outside of the Excelsior College community. We recognize that members of the Excelsior staff and/or representatives of the College may have also provided you with guidance and assistance while pursuing your degree. However, we want to honor the other prominent people in your life that have made a difference such as your family, friends, or colleagues. Let us know what important person enhanced your ability to complete your college education!

If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please write a short narrative describing the person or organization you are nominating and explain why you have chosen them. Your narrative should be submitted by April 15, 2011. The winner will be notified by mail, and a follow-up phone call will be made by a member of the selection committee. Please complete the attached Nomination Form when submitting your nomination. A staff committee will review all nominations and the winner will be invited to attend the July 8, 2011, Commencement ceremony as a guest of Excelsior College. The College provides the award recipient with hotel accommodations for a two-day stay in Albany. Travel expenses up to \$350.00 will also be covered by the College. In addition, the recipient will be presented with a plaque, recognized in the Commencement program booklet, and may be featured in other future Excelsior publications.

Share your Commencement experience with your fellow graduates, and let the supportive person(s) in your life know how important their role was in your educational journey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Student Support Award Committee Members



Marcie A. Tulip, 2010 Student Support Award winner, was nominated by her husband, H. Daniel Tulip, 2010 Bachelor of Science graduate, for her selfless support. Read about past award recipients by visiting our archive of award winners at our [Web site](#).

Nomination Form for Student Support Award

1. Completing the Form

This form can be completed on-screen and submitted via email. We recommend that you save this form to your desktop before proceeding. Simply type your responses in the spaces indicated, review for accuracy, and click the Submit button to immediately send your nomination to the award committee.

Your name _____	Nominee's name _____
Address _____ _____	Address _____ _____
Student ID # _____	Relationship to nominee _____
Degree earned _____	Nominee's phone number _____
Date of graduation _____	Nominee's email address _____
Phone number _____	
Email address _____	

2. Terms

By submitting this form to Excelsior College, I hereby certify that the information provided in this nomination/application form is true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any information that would jeopardize inclusion of this application. In addition, I hereby authorize Excelsior College to use information from this application form for publicity/public relations purposes.

I agree to these terms. I do not agree to these terms. Date: _____

3. Writing the Narrative

Using the space allotted on the following page, write a short narrative describing why you are nominating the person/organization you have chosen. Below are some of the criteria used by the Committee when reviewing the nominations. You may wish to consider these general guidelines as you write your narrative:

- Advocacy for student
- Availability to student
- Empathy and caring attitude toward student
- Responsiveness to student needs
- Ability to coach and listen
- Time and resources provided to student (emotional, physical, and financial)
- Assistance to the student in overcoming barriers

3. Writing the Narrative (continued)

Enter your narrative in the box below. There is no limit to the length of your narrative.

4. Submitting the Nomination by Email

Deadline for Submission is April 15, 2011.

Save the completed nomination form for your records before clicking the button at right to submit by email.

If submitting by U.S. mail, print your completed form and mail to the following address:
Excelsior College, Student Support Award, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-5159.