

Excelsior University Graduate Awards Submission Information

If you experience technical difficulties using the online nomination form, please email your application directly to one that corresponds with the award(s) you are applying for in the table below. If you are applying to more than one award, you must email each application separately.

Your email application must include your:

- Name
- Student ID
- Degree Program
- Personal Statement (criteria for each award is listed below and can also be found in step 2 of the online nomination form)

Please note that by emailing your application, you are:

- Consenting to a background check.
- Affirming that the information provided in your award application is true and correct, and you authorize Excelsior University to use this information, including any photo and video, for marketing/public relations purposes.

Award	Email
Social Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award	ExcelsiorCenterforSocialJustice@excelsior.edu
Student Support Award	ssaward@excelsior.edu
Charles W. Laffin Jr. Award Graduate Excellence Award Joshua L. Smith Memorial Award Michael J. Cooley Memorial Award Mildred L. Montag Memorial Award Ruth V. Matheney Memorial Award Robert E. Kinsinger Memorial Award	cnhs@excelsior.edu
Dwayn Hanford Award Dr. Robert L. Long Award Jean M. Smith Award Marvin Curling Memorial Award Robert P. Mahoney Award	clas@excelsior.edu

Personal statement for the Student Support Award

Tell us about your supporter. Using the space below, write a short narrative describing why you are nominating the person/ organization you have chosen.* Below are some criteria you may wish to consider when writing 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

** This award acknowledges individuals outside of Excelsior University. While we recognize that Excelsior faculty, staff, and/or representatives of the University may have provided you with guidance and assistance while pursuing your degree, this award honors the prominent people in your life such as your family, friends, or colleagues.*

Personal Statement for the Charles W. Laffin Jr. Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please tell us a little about your educational journey. Share any obstacles you overcame and how you overcame them. Please also share the keys to your success and what advice you have for others who may be traveling a similar academic path.

Personal Statement for the Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

To be eligible for the award, the graduate should provide a personal statement of no more than 1,000 words describing their achievement of one of three accomplishments: 1. Used DEI or Social Justice as a lens to further their own or others' knowledge or perspective through an academic project or research. 2. Helped others or engaged themselves in creating and promoting an equitable and culturally responsive learning environment through coursework and/or co-curricular activities (e.g., internships, practica, symposia or competition participation). 3. Led efforts that enhanced DEI or Social Justice in their classroom, organization or community while studying at Excelsior University.

Personal Statement for the Dr. Robert L. Long Award for Academic Excellence in Nuclear Engineering

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss your work in the nuclear industry and how your education at Excelsior University contributed to your success. The purpose of this short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the "behind the scenes" aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.

Personal Statement for the Dwayne Hanford Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss the importance of your degree and how you have been actively involved in your community. The purpose of this short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the "behind the scenes" aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.

Personal Statement for the Graduate Excellence Award

In a personal statement of no more than 1,000 words, please explain how you applied discipline-specific skills and knowledge from your program to your profession or community; how you have applied ethical leadership principles to this work; and the positive impact your education and work has had on others.

Personal Statement for the Jean M. Smith Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss how your business education contributed to your professional achievement in the field of business, including any demonstrated commitment to social justice. The purpose of this short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the "behind the scenes" aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.

Personal Statement for the Joshua L. Smith Memorial Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please share a story of how your volunteer work impacted an individual or community; address how your education—particularly at the master's level—assisted you in your volunteer work OR how your volunteer work helped inform your Graduate education; and lastly, share a challenge you faced while volunteering and completing your degree. How did you overcome that challenge?

Personal Statement for the Marvin Curling Memorial Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss your professional goals and how the degree will help achieve these goals, and any support provided by the graduate's employer in pursuit of the degree. The purpose of this short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the "behind the scenes" aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.

Personal Statement for the Michael J. Cooley Memorial Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss any challenges that you faced in pursuit of your degree and how you persevered to overcome these challenges, both personally and professionally. The purpose of this

short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the “behind the scenes” aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.

Personal Statement for the Mildred L. Montag Memorial Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss your educational and career goals, including a description of your experience as an independent learner and any barriers overcome and opportunities realized. It should describe your future plans and how your achievement of your degree affects those plans. The purpose of this short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the “behind the scenes” aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.

Personal Statement for the Robert P. Mahoney Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss how you overcame significant challenges in pursuit of your degree and demonstrated dedication to community and volunteer service. The purpose of this short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the “behind the scenes” aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.

Personal Statement for the Robert E. Kinsinger Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please describe your involvement with a non-profit organization: the organization(s), your responsibilities, and your experience. Please include a story of how you impacted an individual or community through your non-profit work. Lastly, please relate your Excelsior educational experience to this work.

Personal Statement for the Ruth V. Matheney Memorial Award

In a personal statement of not more than 1,000 words, please discuss your educational and career goals, including a description of your experience as an independent learner and any barriers overcome and opportunities realized. It should describe your future plans and how your achievement of your degree affects those plans. The purpose of this short statement will be to convey to the review committee some of the “behind the scenes” aspects of your achievement while in pursuit of your degree.