

SWAAC AWARD 2023:

Student Award in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

This year, Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC) is pleased to offer one student award in the amount of \$4,000. The recipient will be a woman graduate (MA or PhD) student who advances equity, diversity, and inclusion within and/or outside their institution through outstanding dedication and excellence or community outreach and activism.

SWAAC is committed to prioritizing equity in this application process, and **especially encourage nominations from students who identify as LGBTQ+, racialized, Indigenous and/or students with disabilities to apply for this award.**

Eligibility

Women registered in graduate or undergraduate programs are eligible to be nominated. Students should demonstrate an exceptional commitment to and engagement with a particular issue of social justice, community, and/or community organization. Such community activism can take place on or off campus.

Criteria

1. Strong academic performance.
2. Evidence of leadership with respect to equity, diversity, and inclusion, through such activities as:
 - involvement in student organizations
 - participation on committees (student committees and university committees)
 - organization of special events, conferences, etc.
 - involvement in advocacy groups
 - involvement in volunteer organizations, within the campus setting and/or in the general community.

Application

Applicants must submit the following to the Graduate Programs Office at eduwo@uwo.ca:

- Biographical Data (2 page max) – should include information about former and current studies, areas of interest, research, publications, other awards, interests outside the university, and community or volunteer work. It should be in a narrative form, 12pt Times New Roman black font with normal margins, and is an opportunity for the nominee to tell the adjudication committee some things about herself, and to explain at greater length her background/interests/passions/ambitions/volunteer work
- Curriculum Vitae

- Official up-to-date transcripts
- Three letters of reference or endorsement of the candidate (choice is the candidate's; each should be 2 pages max, 12pt Times New Roman, addressed "To Members of the Awards Selection Committee", on letterhead, signed, and dated) and the letters must address the criteria for selection (academics and EDI leadership)

Timeline

- Submit your complete application to the Graduate Programs Office (eduwo@uwo.ca) **by November 18, 2022.**
- November 28, 2022: Graduate Programs Office submits **one** Faculty nomination to SGPS.
- January 20, 2023: Western's nominee is submitted to SWAAC.