



## 2019 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards Nomination Guidelines

The Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards recognize outstanding volunteer leadership contributions to the University of Toronto.

### NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY

Only students currently enrolled at the University of Toronto may be nominated for a Cressy Award. To be eligible the following conditions and eligibility criteria must be met. Nominee must:

- Be nominated by a member of **U of T staff, faculty or alumni**. Note that the divisional Nomination Coordinator can also serve as the Nominator. A student cannot nominate another student;
- Be expected to complete all courses and convocate from their **currently enrolled program** between September and August of the current academic year;
- Have never received a Cressy Award previously during their academic career; and
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA (CGPA) of 2.70 (B-) at the end of the previous academic session prior to the opening of the nomination period. *NOTE: All nominee's CGPAs will be verified in ACORN.*
  - Exceptions to this academic requirement may be considered **only under extraordinary circumstances**. Contact your nomination coordinator for details (a full list of nomination coordinators is available at <http://alumni.utoronto.ca/cressyawards>). Exceptions will be assessed and granted by the student's division and will not be granted by the Cressy Award administration.
  - Students that confirm they meet the minimum CGPA of 2.70 (via checking the appropriate box in the nomination form) cannot subsequently apply for an academic exemption should their CGPA not actually meet the minimum threshold when it is verified in ACORN. In these cases, the nomination will automatically become ineligible.

### VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A nominee should have **at least ONE YEAR of volunteer leadership in the year immediately prior to the current nomination period**.
- Volunteer leadership should be in any one, or a combination, of the following areas at U of T, or directly impacting the U of T community:
  - Leadership on committees or influence on student or university affairs;
  - Improvement in the quality of life of students on campus;
  - Contributions to the co-curricular experience;
  - Leadership directly facilitating the engagement of fellow students in U of T's extra-curricular activities; and
  - Contribution to the sense of community at U of T.

- Other points to consider when nominating a candidate:
  - Leadership and involvement in relation to academic achievement at U of T;
  - The **value** of the student’s contribution, rather than the office or position held;
  - **Contributions made as part of a paid position are not eligible;** and
  - **Only U of T-related volunteer roles will be considered.**
  - Volunteer leadership outside the University community will be **not** be considered and should not be included on the nomination form. Non-U of T volunteer roles should only be listed if they provide important context for the U of T leadership roles listed in the nomination form.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

**Candidates may only be nominated by a member of staff, faculty or alumni. A current student cannot act as the Nominator on a submission.**

- Recipients are selected **either** by their nominating division, or by a central selection committee that assesses University-wide nominations (University-wide Selection Committee, or “UWSC”).
  - Nominators should submit nominations to the committee they feel is most appropriate relative to the students’ affiliation and/or volunteer contributions
  - All nominations must be sent to Alumni Relations via the appropriate nomination coordinators listed on the Cressy Awards website at [www.alumni.utoronto.ca/cressyawards](http://www.alumni.utoronto.ca/cressyawards).
  - Only one nomination may be submitted per candidate regardless of where a nomination is submitted.
- **Nominations packages must be submitted by NOVEMBER 14, 2018 directly to either the appropriate [College/Faculty-based nomination coordinators](#) or to the [Central nomination coordinator](#) (for University-Wide nominations only)**
- Nominators must ensure that the nomination package submitted for review is complete and accurate.
- **Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.** There are no exceptions to this rule. Please ensure your nominations are complete and are submitted by the deadline.
- If you are unsure where to submit your nomination, contact the Cressy Awards team at [gordoncressy.award@utoronto.ca](mailto:gordoncressy.award@utoronto.ca) or 416-978-3329.

## NOMINATION PACKAGE

- Each nomination package must consist of the following:
  - An official 2019 Cressy Award nomination form completed in full;
  - Authorization provided by the student, via check box on the form, that their CPGA meets the minimum requirement of 2.70. **Note that the CPGA will be checked against the student’s record in ACORN.**
  - Do not attach resumes or any other supplementary material as this will not be considered.

**Nomination packages must be submitted electronically as one single pdf document** with no additional attachments and must be emailed to the relevant nomination coordinator.

**Hard copies will not be accepted.**