



## 2018 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards Nomination Guidelines

The Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards recognize outstanding volunteer contributions made to the University and wider community.

### NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY

Only students currently enrolled at the University of Toronto may be nominated for a Cressy Award (full-time or part-time). To be eligible they must:

- Be nominated by a member of the University community (i.e. staff, faculty, alumni or students). Note that the divisional Nomination Coordinator can also serve as the Nominator;
- Be expected to complete all courses and convocate 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 CGPAs will be verified in ACORN.
- Exceptions to this requirement may be considered only under extraordinary circumstances. Please contact your nomination coordinator for details (a full list of nomination coordinators is available at <http://alumni.utoronto.ca/cressyawards>).
- 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.
  
- A nominee should have at least one year of volunteer leadership in any one, or a combination, of the following areas as they pertain to U of T, or directly impact the U of T community:
  - Leadership on committees or influence on student or university affairs;
  - Improvement in the quality of life of students;
  - Contributions to the co-curricular experience;
  - Encouragement of fellow students to become involved in 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
- Priority will be given to U of T-related volunteer roles. Volunteer leadership outside the University community will be considered **only as a complement** to contributions within the University community. A minimum of one year in a volunteer leadership role at U of T is mandatory.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Any member of the university community (staff, faculty members, alumni and students) may nominate a candidate.
  - Recipients are selected *either* by local selection committees based in each faculty and college, or by a central selection committee that assesses University-wide nominations
    - Nominators are encouraged to submit nominations to the local selection committee they feel is most appropriate relative to the students' affiliation and contributions.
    - Nominations should be submitted to the relevant selection committee 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 to:
    - Faculty-based nomination coordinators by **NOVEMBER 17 , 2017**
    - College-based nomination coordinators by **NOVEMBER 17 , 2017**
    - The University-wide nomination coordinator by **DECEMBER 8, 2017**.  
***NOTE:** this includes any nominations that divisions would like to submit to the University-wide Selection Committee for consideration.*
  - The onus is on the nominator to ensure that the nomination package submitted for review is complete and accurate.
  - **Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.** Please ensure your nominations are submitted by the deadlines above or they will not be considered as part of this year's award nominee pool.
  - 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 2018 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.**

**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.