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Nomination Criteria and Guidelines

The Riley Institute at Furman and the South Carolina Diversity Leaders Initiative are pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 2018 Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards. These awards recognize individuals and organizations who exhibit leadership in promoting diversity in the Upstate.

The Upstate serves a culturally rich and diverse population and wide array of local and international organizations. These awards recognize those who are committed to supporting and sustaining an inclusive environment. This year's awards dinner will be hosted by the Greenville Chamber and the Riley Institute at Furman in partnership with Upstate Chambers on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the TD Convention Center.

- Nominees (individuals, organizations, and businesses) should be role models in the Upstate for promoting an inclusive work or community environment and/or for championing diversity as an important individual or organizational mission.
- Nominees must be a current resident, organization, or business in the Upstate.
- The Riley Institute, the Greenville Chamber, the Spartanburg Chamber and the Anderson Chamber and their staff are not eligible for nomination.

Nominations can be submitted for **ONE** of the six award categories (see categories).
Self-nomination is permissible.

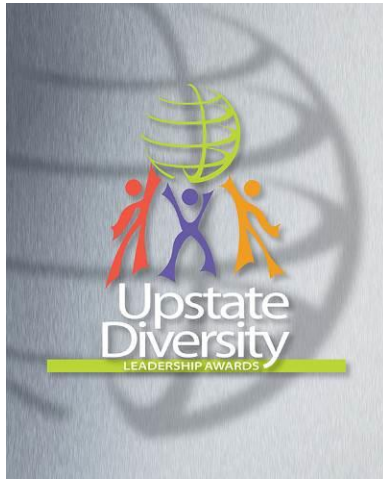
Deadline for submission is midnight Friday, March 23, 2018.

Submit the completed nomination form by mail to:

Megan Dodgens
Director, Diversity Leadership Strategies
The Riley Institute
Furman University
3300 Poinsett Highway
Greenville, S.C. 29613-1207

Or scan and send via email to Megan.Dodgens@Furman.edu

For additional inquiries, please call Megan Dodgens at 864.294.3253



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Nomination Award Categories

Individual: The Calder D. Ehrmann Award

An individual who demonstrates a high degree of success in promoting diversity and inspires others to embrace diversity in the community.

High School Student

A high school student who is viewed as a diversity champion and demonstrates a leading role in promoting diversity in the school environment or within the community.

College Student

A college student who is viewed as a diversity champion and demonstrates a leading role in promoting diversity in the campus environment or within the community.

Nonprofit Organization

A nonprofit or civic organization that focuses on integrating diversity practices in the services provided to its community.

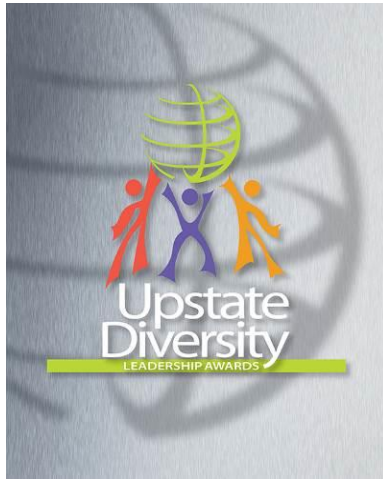
Business

A business that internally models diversity management and serves as a community diversity champion.

K-12 School: William “Bill” T. Wylie VALUED Lives Award for School Excellence in Diversity

A school that incorporates valued practices of diversity into its vision and mission and promotes these principles beyond the walls of the school, demonstrating that all students, faculty, and staff are important and have the potential to succeed. *(Please see full award criteria on the separate application).*

***Please Note:** *An additional category may be awarded by the selection committee to a nominee who positively contributes to promoting international diversity in the Upstate in an extraordinary way. If so, the nominee will be chosen from those nominated for the above categories.*



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Diversity Leadership Award Nomination Form Instructions

To assist the Awards Selection Committee in considering your application, please complete all sections of the nomination form (as applicable). Please submit a recent photograph. If desired, you may answer the following questions in a Microsoft Word (.doc) document and attach to application.

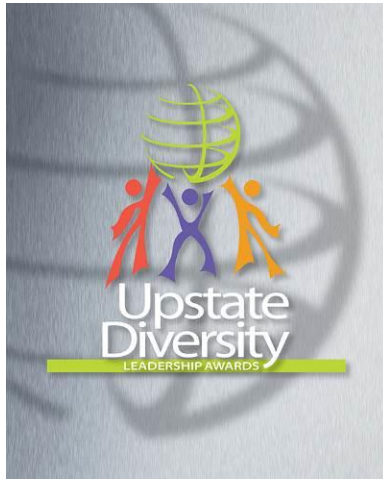
**COMPLETED FORM INCLUDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT TO EXCEED
FOUR (4) PAGES.**

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Application Date: _____

Nomination Category-Please Check One:

___ Individual: The Calder D. Ehrmann Award

___ Nonprofit Organization

___ High School Student

___ Business

___ College Student

___ K-12 School **(Please use separate application)**

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Name of person completing this form _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

Personal Information:

Nominee's Name _____

Name of Organization or School _____

Position/Title (If Applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Email _____

Diversity Leadership Contributions/Activities:

Provide a brief statement of the diversity contributions and specific activities of the nominee.

Identify the nominee's leadership roles, honors and achievements related to diversity endeavors.
(For business or non-profit applicants, describe the organization's honors and achievements in the community)

Describe all other civic/community involvement, particularly as related to enhancing and/or promoting diversity.

(Business and Nonprofit applicants only) Discuss the training, development, and/or support services provided to employees and clients, in order to develop or create diversity leaders.

(Business and Nonprofit applicants only) Provide a brief overview of your organization, including the mission and clientele focus.

Additional comments, information or supporting documentation:

Personal References for Nominee

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____