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the Greenville Chamber of Commerce
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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 2019 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 Tuesday, May 28, 2018 at the Hyatt in Greenville.

- 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 NOON Monday, March 18, 2019.**

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.
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
____High School Student
____College Student
____Nonprofit Organization
____Business
____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.

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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)

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

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(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.

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

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Additional comments, information or supporting documentation:

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Personal References for Nominee
Name _______________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________
Telephone: __________________________ Email ___________________________

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