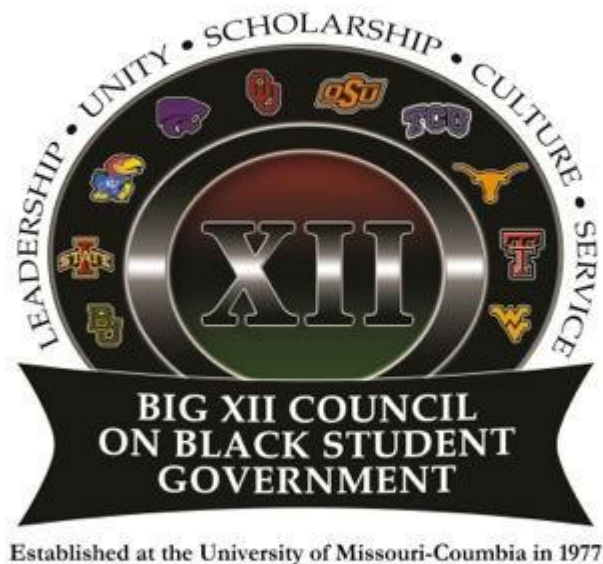


2024

Big XII Conference on Black Student Government

Scholarship and Awards Packet



ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA GOOGLE FORMS BY 11:59 PM. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please note: Conference attendance is mandatory in order to receive the attached scholarships and awards. For more information about the conference visit the conference website:

<https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/bigxiibsg/>

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CLARENCE WINE OUTSTANDING BIG XII COUNCIL OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate Black Student Government or Council. The Council must demonstrate a serious commitment to unity, academic achievement, scholarship, campus programming, and community service. Additionally, the council must provide evidence of a sound operation and effective council management.

Please provide a **500 word or less statement** exemplifying proof of the above criteria. The statement should be a collective piece written by executive members of your Black student organization. Only **one** executive member should submit the statement and should sign their name at the bottom of the statement.

****Though a tangible Big XII Book has been submitted and presented in front of Council, in order to be considered for this award, it is required that your institution submit a statement AND advisor/staff statement sign-off form.****

MOST IMPROVED BIG XII COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate Black Student Government or Council. The council must demonstrate a serious commitment that they have improved unity, academic achievement, scholarship, campus programming, and community service. Additionally, the council must provide evidence that strides have been made to improve council programming and overall management.

Please provide a **500 word or less *statement** exemplifying proof of the above criteria. The statement should be a collective piece written by executive members of your Black student organization. Only **one** executive member should submit the statement. That member should sign their name at the bottom of the statement.

****Though a tangible Big XII Book has been submitted and presented in front of Council, in order to be considered for this award, it is required that your institution submit a statement AND advisor/staff statement sign-off form.****

ROBERT PAGE, JR., AWARD NON-BIG TWELVE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The award is presented to a Non-Big XII School Undergraduate Black Student Government or Council. The council must demonstrate a serious commitment to unity, academic achievement, scholarship, campus programming, and community service. Additionally, the council must provide evidence of a sound operation and effective council management.

Applicants for the Robert Page Jr., Award Non-Big Twelve Council of the Year Award, should complete the following information:

- Please list all the council officers.

Should any questions or concerns arise, please contact the Big XII Conference Management Co-Chairs Mya Taylor (myaneisha.taylor@ou.edu) and Ariana Seeloff (aseeloff@utexas.edu)

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- Describe in detail the council efforts to encourage and support the member's academic achievement
- How successful have these efforts been?
- Describe in detail the council's effort to promote unity.
- Describe the council's involvement in community/public service activities.
 - Be sure to include service projects that involved the entire campus.
 - Please describe the council's campus programming efforts.
 - Be sure to include only programs that involved the entire council.
 - How have the council's activities impacted your campus?
- Describe the council relationship with its advisor.
- Please describe what makes your council outstanding.
- Why should you be considered for this award?

In a **short essay (1000 words or less)**, please provide proof of the above criteria. The essay should be a collective piece written by executive members of your Black student organization. Only **one** executive member should submit the essay. That member should sign their name at the bottom of the essay.

If applying for the Robert Page Jr., Award Non-Big Twelve Council of the Year Award, **it is required that you also please include the advisor/staff statement sign-off form (page 5).**

Application Instructions for Council Awards

1. Submission form (This should be the first page of the packet you submit.)
2. Advisor/Head Delegate/Council President sign-off form with proper signatures
(*please choose one person to sign, this should be on the second page of the packet you submit*)
3. Typewritten statement/essay (*Times New Roman, Double-Spaced, 12 pt. font*)

ALL council award application materials must be submitted by one executive member from your Black student organization via Google Forms link:

<https://forms.gle/kSxCeA3sgwrMC5nt5>

Applications are due Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 11:59PM.

EARLY SUBMISSION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION

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Advisor/Head Delegate/Council President

Sign-Off Form

I, _____ (*name of advisor, head delegate, or council president*), hereby release the application of Big XII institution, _____ (*name of institution*), for the consideration of the _____ award. I agree with the statement provided by Big XII institution, _____ (*name of institution*), to be recognized as an outstanding council with noteworthy achievements and accomplishments.

Advisor/Head Delegate/Council President Signature Date

Relationship to BSO/BSU/BSA, etc.

Advisor/Head Delegate/Council President Affiliate Email Address

**Big XII Council on Black Student Government:
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The Awards Committee of the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government is pleased to accept applications for the following cash awards:

- Dyrice Burt Big XII Outstanding Freshman of the Year **(\$250)**
- Outstanding Big XII Sophomore of the Year **(\$500)**
- Outstanding Big XII Junior of the Year **(\$750)**
- Outstanding Big XII Senior of the Year **(\$1,000)**
- Outstanding Non-Big XII Freshman of the Year **(\$250)**
- Outstanding Non-Big XII Sophomore of the Year **(\$500)**
- Outstanding Non-Big XII Junior of the Year **(\$750)**
- Robert Page, Jr. Award for Outstanding Non-Big XII Senior of the Year **(\$1,000)**

Criteria for Eligibility

To obtain a student scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be enrolled or will be enrolled in the coming semester as a full-time undergraduate (12 hours) at a college or university.
2. Be in good academic standing with a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5**
3. Be able to prove membership in a Black Student Government or affiliated organization.

Application Instructions for Individual Cash Awards

1. All applicants must fill out the cash awards submission form (page 8), **and select the appropriate award of interest.**
2. The submission form must be **completed and signed** by the appropriate persons.
3. Applications must be typed and double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12 pt. Font. Applicants are **NOT** to place their names on these essays. Please **exclude** any identifying items such as school name; mascot; names of organizations; job identification, etc.
4. Only activities/programs sponsored or participated in **during** undergraduate career will be considered valid.

Completed Application Include:

1. Final Cash Awards Submission Form with proper signatures
2. Typewritten Essay (*Times New Roman, Double-Spaced, 12 pt. font*)
3. Resume
4. Unofficial Transcript or Grade Report

In a **short essay (1000 words or less)**, please address your commitment to education and service including the following:

- Discuss why you selected your college major and your educational goals. Personal history such as extracurricular activities, financial need and any awards received may be included.

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- Explain any future plans to continue your education, including your professional plans upon graduation.

ALL individual cash awards application materials must be submitted via Google Forms link:

<https://forms.gle/MbS2TPr6eC4Hxf7z9>

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**Big XII Council on Black Student Government:
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Name

Institution

City, State & Zip Code

Telephone

Email

CASH AWARDS
(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

- _____ Dyric Burt Big XII Outstanding Freshman of the Year
- _____ Outstanding Big XII Sophomore of the Year
- _____ Outstanding Big XII Junior of the Year
- _____ Outstanding Big XII Senior of the Year
- _____ Outstanding Non-Big XII Freshman of the Year
- _____ Outstanding Non-Big XII Sophomore of the Year
- _____ Outstanding Non-Big XII Junior of the Year
- _____ Robert Page, Jr. Award for Outstanding Non-Big XII Senior of the Year

I hereby certify that all information and supporting material accompanying this Award Application is valid and accurate.

Advisor's Signature / Date

President's Signature / Date

Preparer's Signatures (if different from above) / Date

**Big XII Council on Black Student Government:
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The Awards Committee of the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government is pleased to accept applications for the following recognition awards:

- Alvin Ailey Award
- Barbara Jordan Award
- Martin Luther King Jr. Award
- Mickey Leland Award
- Nelson Mandela Award
- Brenda Burt Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award
- Most Outstanding Freshman Action Team of the Year Award (*Application instructions can be found in a separate document.*)

Application Instructions for Individual Recognition Awards

These awards operate as a **nomination process**. Individuals can nominate themselves. All institutions are eligible.

Nominations should be submitted through the following process:

- All applicants must fill out the submission form, checking the appropriate award of interest.
- Please use **ONE** submission form per award.
- The submission form must be **completed and signed** by the appropriate persons.
- Applications must be typed and double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12 pt. Font.
- Applicants are **NOT** to place their names on these essays. Please exclude any identifying items such as school name; mascot; names of organizations; job identification, etc.
- Only activities/programs sponsored or participated in during undergraduate career will be considered valid.

ALL individual recognition awards application materials must be submitted via Google Forms link:

<https://forms.gle/gNDQUtMhcRgq3ou98>

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When requesting a letter of recommendation from said individual, **include this link:** <https://forms.gle/hXoPYSC3UGm3w1a3A> for said individual to submit their typed letter of recommendation by the deadline.

ALVIN AILEY AWARD

- **Two (2)** page description essay detailing your performing/fine arts ability and how you have used or use this ability to contribute meaningfully to your community.
- **One (1) letter** of recommendation from a mentor, advisor, or teacher/professor concerning your noteworthy contribution to the community through your talent.

BARBARA JORDAN AWARD

- A resume of student government experience, programs, and responsibilities.
- **500 words or less essay** describing what motivated you to become involved in student government and the importance of political awareness and action.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD

- **500 words or less essay** describing diversity and what you believe your responsibilities to be as a member of a diverse community.
- **Two (2)** letters of recommendation from peers who have a deep knowledge of your efforts or have worked with you describing your contributions to breaking the walls of racial inequity.
- **One (1) letter** of recommendation from an advisor/professor describing the contribution you have made to break the walls of racial inequity.
- A detailed resume of pertinent awards/honors, employment, community service, campus involvement, and/or original programming.

MICKEY LELAND AWARD

- **500 words or less essay** detailed description of your most challenging community service experience. Describe why it was so, and the results of that experience.
- **One (1) letter** of recommendation from the supervisor, or advisor, of one of your community service experiences.
- Detailed community service/campus involvement resume.

NELSON MANDELA AWARD

- **Two (2) page** description of a martyr whom you feel exemplifies the qualities of leadership, organization, courage, communication, and self-sacrifice including how and why they fit these characteristics. Include how you believe you resemble this individual.
- **One (1) letter** of recommendation from an advisor, professor, or supervisor describing how you exemplify leadership, organization, courage, communication, and self-sacrifice on your campus or in your community.
- A detailed resume of your pertinent awards/honors, employment, community service, campus involvement, and/or original programming.

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MRS. BRENDA BURT OUTSTANDING ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

- A detailed resume listing activities/groups/programs you are responsible for advising and their purpose.
- **Two (2)** letters of recommendation from students who are actively participating in a group/activity/program you are responsible for advising and level of competency.
- **One (1)** letter of recommendation from your current supervisor, VPSA or President of the institution where you are employed.

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Name

Institution

City, State & Zip Code

Telephone

Email

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

(PLEASE CHECK ONE. SUBMIT ONE SUBMISSION FORM PER AWARD.)

_____ Alvin Ailey Award

_____ Barbara Jordan Award

_____ Martin Luther King Jr. Award

_____ Mickey Leland Award

_____ Nelson Mandela Award

_____ Brenda Burt Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award

I hereby certify that all information and supporting material accompanying this Award Application is valid and accurate.

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