



**College of the Liberal Arts
Superior Teaching and Research
(STAR) Award**

**Purpose:**

The STAR award is a scholarship award given to a graduate student in the College of the Liberal Arts. This award is to recognize students who have excelled in all aspects of their graduate program. Funds are provided to support specific projects or activities that will advance the student's professional and scholarly development.

Preference is given to doctoral candidates. While this award may support activities that enhance the student's dissertation, the award is not intended to support dissertation research. Students can apply for dissertation support through the RGSO dissertation support competition:

<http://www.la.psu.edu/res-and-grad/graduate/funding-opportunities/college-dissertation-support-competition>

Deadline:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. (i.e., there is no specific call for nomination or deadlines)

Nomination:

The director of graduate studies of the program in which a student is enrolled nominates a student on the basis of merit, considering both the student's record of accomplishment and the impact of the award on future achievement.

Submission:

Applications, which include a cover sheet and nominating statement, should be submitted in hard copy or as a pdf to **Lynn Sebulsky** at lms50@psu.edu, 105 Sparks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lynn Sebulsky at (814) 867-4357.



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Nominated Student Information

Name: _____

PSU Student ID: _____ Email: _____

Department Program: _____

Nominating Graduate Program Head Information

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| Name | Signature | Date |
| Director of the Graduate Program (in which student is enrolled) | | |

Department/Program: _____

Email: _____

Nominating Statement (to be completed by the director of graduate studies)

Please address the following topics in an attached nominating statement not to exceed two pages:

1. Describe the project or activity that would be made possible by a STAR award to this student. Please include relevant, specific budget information.
2. Briefly describe the student’s record of superior teaching and research that merit recognition.
3. Describe the impact that the project or activity made possible by this award would have on the student’s professional and scholarly development.

To be completed by the College Graduate Studies Office:

Funding Decision: YES ____ NO ____ If YES, Budget/Endowment: _____