

COMMERCE BANK PRESIDENTIAL STUDENT AWARD FOR STUDENT BELONGING

PURPOSE OF AWARD The Commerce Bank Presidential Student Award for Distinguished Service in Student Belonging recognizes outstanding individual contributions to the promotion of a culture of belonging for all by students. Nominations and applications for this award will be accepted for Kansas State University for the 2024-2025 academic year.

ELIGIBILITY This award is for undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in the enhancement of student belonging at Kansas State University prior to **June 30, 2025**. To be eligible for the award, the applicant/nominee must have been enrolled during the academic school year of **2025-2026** and must attend the awards ceremony during the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. week scheduled for **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**.

NATURE OF AWARD The recipient of this award will receive a plaque and a cash award. The award will be presented at a special reception during the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Week and will be recognized at spring commencement.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION The criteria for this award include the following:

1. The nominee must be a KSU undergraduate or graduate student in good academic standing.
2. The nominee must have demonstrated exceptional character, leadership and service toward the enhancement of a culture of belonging in any active form at KSU such as:
 - Outstanding service and leadership in areas that affect students from low-income, first-generation, or any other background.
 - Outstanding contributions in creating awareness, appreciation, and respect for all student populations.
 - Outstanding efforts in creating and helping to maintain a campus environment which contributes to the well-being of low-income or first-generation students or to the sense of belonging of all students.

APPLICATIONS/ NOMINATIONS Students who are eligible for this award can apply directly or be nominated by other university students, faculty, staff or administrators. The deadline for nominations/applications is **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31st, 2025**. Applications may be obtained at <https://www.k-state.edu/belonging/about/commercebank.html> or from:

**Student Belonging
224 Anderson Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-0101
(785) 532-6276**

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NOMINATION FORM

Please provide the following information about the applicant or nominee:

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Current classification (circle one): Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate

Major: _____ Minor or Concentration: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Documentation supportive of this nomination/application should include:

- a) A letter of nomination summarizing the applicant's activities, service or leadership contributing to the enhancement of student belonging.
- b) **One** additional letter of reference, either from campus or an employer reference. All **references should include full and current contact information:** name, phone number, title, address, and e-mail address. No more than one letter of reference will be accepted. The letters of reference should be included in the nomination submitted in PDF form. **No letters of reference sent under separate cover will be accepted.**
- c) The applicant or nominee's résumé.
- d) A student-issued university transcript.

Name of person(s) making the nomination:

(Name)

(Address)

(Phone)

(Email)

Return completed form and all documentation supportive of this nomination by

5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31st, 2025. Completed nominations can be emailed to Ana Guanes at anaguanes@ksu.edu or dropped off at:

**Student Belonging
224 Anderson Hall**

Please note there will be no exceptions made to the deadline.