

## **COMMERCE BANK PRESIDENTIAL STUDENT AWARD FOR STUDENT BELONGING**

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| <b>PURPOSE OF AWARD</b>              | 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.  |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY</b>                   | This award is for undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in the enhancement of student belonging at Kansas State University prior to <b>June 30, 2025</b> . To be eligible for the award, the applicant/nominee must have been enrolled during the academic school year of <b>2025-2026</b> and must attend the awards ceremony during the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. week scheduled for <b>Tuesday, January 27, 2026</b> .  |
| <b>NATURE OF AWARD</b>               | 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.  |
| <b>CRITERIA FOR<br/>NOMINATION</b>   | <p>The criteria for this award include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The nominee must be a KSU undergraduate or graduate student in good academic standing.</li><li>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:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Outstanding service and leadership in areas that affect students from low-income, first-generation, or other unique backgrounds.</li><li>▪ Outstanding contributions in creating awareness, appreciation, and respect for different student populations.</li><li>▪ 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 cultural competence of all students.</li></ul></li></ol> |
| <b>APPLICATIONS/<br/>NOMINATIONS</b> | <p>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 <b>5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31st, 2025</b>. Applications may be obtained at <a href="https://www.k-state.edu/belonging/about/commercebank.html">https://www.k-state.edu/belonging/about/commercebank.html</a> or from:</p> <p><b>Student Belonging<br/>224 Anderson Hall<br/>Kansas State University<br/>Manhattan, KS 66506-0101<br/>(785) 532-6276</b></p>   |

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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)

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(Phone)

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(Email)

Return completed form and all documentation supportive of this nomination by  
**5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31st, 2025 to:**

**Student Belonging 224 Anderson  
Hall**

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