COMMERCE BANK PRESIDENTIAL
STUDENT AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
IN ENHANCING MULTICULTURALISM AND DIVERSITY AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

PURPOSE OF AWARD
The Commerce Bank Presidential Student Award for Distinguished Service in Enhancing Multiculturalism recognizes outstanding individual contributions to the promotion of multiculturalism and diversity by students. Nominations and applications for this award will be accepted for Kansas State University for the 2023-2024 academic year.

ELIGIBILITY
This award is for undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in the enhancement of multiculturalism and diversity at Kansas State University prior to June 30, 2023. To be eligible for the award, the applicant/nominee must have been enrolled during the academic school year of 2023-2024 and must attend the awards ceremony during the University’s Martin Luther King, Jr. week scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

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 multiculturalism and diversity in any active form at KSU such as:
   • Outstanding service and leadership in areas that affect historically under-represented students.
   • Outstanding contributions in creating awareness, appreciation, and respect for diverse student populations.
   • Outstanding efforts in creating and helping to maintain a campus environment which contributes to the well-being of historically under-represented students or to the cultural competence 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 6th, 2023. Applications may be obtained at https://www.k-state.edu/diversity/about/commercebank.html or from:

Diversity and Multicultural Student Affairs
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 multiculturalism and diversity.

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:

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(Name)                      (Address)

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(Phone)               (Email)

Return completed form and all documentation supportive of this nomination by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6th, 2023 to:

Diversity and Multicultural Student Affairs
224 Anderson Hall

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