

A.A. Hyden Award

Outstanding Student Organization in Community Service

Purpose

The A.A. Hyden Award for Outstanding Student Organization in Community Service is given annually to a student organization to provide special recognition for their valuable contributions of community service to the Waco community.

History

The A.A. Hyden Award for Outstanding Student Organization was initiated in 1987. The award is named in honor of Dr. A.A. Hyden, Vice President of Student Life at Baylor University from 1980 to 1989. Dr. Hyden was dedicated to students and continues to be a dedicated servant to the Waco community. His involvement and memberships include: Rotary International, Phi Delta Kappa, Southern Counselors Personnel Association and Omnicron Delta Kappa.

General Information

- Typed applications are *strongly* encouraged. *Award recipients will be determined based upon the application materials presented.*
- **The deadline for application is Monday, April 16 at 5:00PM.** *Materials received after the deadline will not be reviewed.*
- Qualified work and service activities must have been completed in the 2011-12 academic year.
- Any chartered student organization is eligible to apply for the A.A. Hyden Award.

Selection Criteria

Organizations qualifying for consideration for the A.A. Hyden Award must:

- Meet the needs of the immediate and local communities (Waco and surrounding areas)
- Promote a culture of service at Baylor University
- Dedicate time each month to service activities and/or events (as demonstrated through the Online Roster System service hours tracking)
- Provide a diversity of service opportunities (both ongoing and one-time projects) to members that include, but are not limited to:
 - ✓ Service to the elderly
 - ✓ Service to youth
 - ✓ Service to the homeless
 - ✓ Service to the animal population
 - ✓ Advocacy for social or economic justice
 - ✓ Active ministry
 - ✓ Counseling, crisis management, or peer education
 - ✓ Manual labor
 - ✓ Fundraising for local and/or national charities or philanthropies
- Involve members (organization should aim at having at least 75% participation rates in the group's signature service activities/events)

- Impact the community (service activities and/or events should produce positive change and provide an example to other organizations on campus)

Organization Name: _____

Campus Box Number: _____ Current President: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Service Chair: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Primary Advisor: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Year of Baylor Charter Recognition: _____

Membership Demographics (2011-12):

Number of:

_____ Women	_____ African-Americans	_____ Caucasians
_____ Men	_____ Latino/Hispanics	_____ Other: _____
	_____ Asians/Pacific Islanders	

Membership Selection by:

Check all that apply

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Invitation
- ☐ Rush/Pledging
- ☐ Audition
- ☐ Nomination
- ☐ Interview
- ☐ Recommendation
- ☐ Other: _____

Philanthropy (if applicable): _____

Total Number of Service Hours to Date (2011-12): _____

Average Participation Rate for Service Projects/Activities/Events (2011-12): _____

Goals or purpose of organization:

Please list any regional, national, or international awards for which your organization has either been nominated or received in the past two (2) years.

Essay Questions

The following must be answered clearly and specifically and must represent the collective opinion of the organization:

1. Please list your organization's participation in **local** service projects. For each project, include a description of the project, goals/objectives, percentage of participating members, and the duration of the project (hours spent serving).
2. Please list your organization's participation in **state/national** service projects. For each project, include a description of the project, goals/objectives, percentage of participating members, and the duration of the project (hours spent serving).
3. Please describe any new service projects, activities, or programs that your organization has initiated in 2011-12 academic year. Identify what need(s) the new project, activity, or program addresses.
4. In what ways has your organization's volunteer work positively impacted the community? Provide specific examples.
5. In what ways has your organization worked to create a culture of service at Baylor University? How have you supported university service programs or engaged students in service activities?
6. What has your organization's membership learned from its participation in service projects, activities, and/or programs? Please provide specific examples.
7. Please describe why your organization feels that it deserves the A.A. Hyden Award.

Thank you for applying. Please submit completed applications to the Department of Student Activities by **Monday, April 16 at 5:00PM.**