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PENN STATE Food Industry Group *an affiliate program group of the* *Department of Food Science, the Penn State Alumni Association & College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society*

Penn State Food Industry Group (PSFIG) Graduate Student Leadership Award Nomination

This award recognizes a Penn State Food Science Graduate student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, scholarship, community involvement, volunteerism, publications/presentations, and mentoring. Any Graduate student majoring in Food Science is eligible for this award. Leadership during a prior degree program (BS and/or MS) or while employed prior to enrolling at PSU may be included if pertinent.

Candidates may nominate themselves or may be nominated by a faculty or staff member, or by a fellow student.

Each nomination is required to include the following:

- **application (pages 2-3)**
- **letter of recommendation from a member of the student's advisory program committee**
- **personal statement** - A personal statement (minimum 500 words) should introduce yourself to the selection committee and include a list of notable accomplishments, explanation why you enrolled in the Food Science Graduate Program at Penn State, why you are applying for this award, and your career aspirations and goals. Attach additional pages to the application, as needed, to complete the required information.

The deadline for submission of applications is **April 25, 2025.**

Submit applications to:

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Email: tsd3@psu.edu (Email is the preferred method of application submission.)

The recipient will be recognized with an engraved lion statuette and will be "permanently" celebrated with an engraved name plate on the perpetual plaque prominently displayed in the Rodney A Erickson Food Science Building.

Nominee Information

Name:

Home Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Home Phone:

1. List **organization memberships** and dates of participation below. Memberships may be in any University recognized student organization and/or professional society memberships.

2. List **committee involvement** and dates of participation below. List up to 3 committees and describe involvement of each committee in one or two sentences. May include committee involvement during the student's graduate and undergraduate years. Committee involvement is not limited to Food Science or Ag organizations.

3. List **offices held** and dates below. Offices may only include President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer of an officially recognized student and/or professional organization. Offices may include those held during the student's undergraduate years.

4. List **community involvement** and dates below. May include community involvement activities during the student's graduate and undergraduate years. This could include any volunteer work with a recognized group or non-profit organization (other than PSU organizations) such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Peer Counseling/Advising group, Scouts, local conservation organizations, local government, etc.

5. List **internships and work experiences** and dates below. List and briefly describe any internships or industry work experiences including an explanation of what the student gained from each experience. This may include either a paid or non-paid internship.

6. List **papers and presentations**. List published papers, presentations and posters submitted to university and professional societies.

7. List **Mentoring experiences**. Describe any mentoring experiences that you provided while employed or during your academic career.

Nominator Information (leave blank if self-nominating)

Name:

Home/Summer Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home/Summer Phone:

Campus Address:

City/State/Zip:

Campus Phone:

Email: