



**USFSP Outstanding Graduate  
Award  
Spring 2012 Application  
Sponsored by the USF Alumni  
Association**



The Outstanding Graduate Award is open to all graduating seniors. This award recognizes one graduating senior each semester, who has demonstrated exceptional achievements in the following areas: **leadership, community service, work experience, and school spirit**. The president of the University and a representative of the USF Alumni Association recognize the Outstanding Graduate during the Commencement exercise. The Outstanding Graduate is honored as a special guest at Commencement, and is seated onstage with the distinguished platform party during the ceremony.

Seniors may nominate themselves or be nominated by a member of the University community for one application period only. Seniors must graduate in the same semester in which they have applied for graduation. Candidates must have **at least a 3.5 GPA** to be considered for this award. An **application** and **two (2) letters of recommendation** are required by the application deadline. The Outstanding Graduate Award Selection Committee may choose to select the top finalist who will then receive an interview.

Reference letters or nominations should be submitted by professors, advisors, community members, alumni or University administrators, who can substantiate the nominee's leadership ability, school spirit, scholastic achievement, community service, and work experience. If you nominate a candidate, please have the candidate review the application for accuracy prior to submission.

**No application will be considered valid without the signature of the nominated student on the final page of the application packet.**

**Spring 2012 Application Deadline: Friday, March 16, 2012**

Please return all application materials to:

Yoli Lanuza  
Office of Academic Affairs  
140 Seventh Avenue South, BAY 204  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Phone: 727-873-4056  
Fax: 727-873-4432

# USFSP Outstanding Graduate Award Application

*(Please print of type. Use additional paper, if needed)*

## **General Information**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ U# \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending the Spring 2012 Commencement ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Current Place of Employment (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Résumé Information**

In résumé form, please provide the following information:

- A. Work Experience: Positions or offices held on- or off-campus that generate compensation or any kind.
- B. Leadership: List membership in organizations and offices held. Briefly describe examples of leadership activities, if offices were held.
- C. School Spirit: Identify activities that demonstrate your spirit of enthusiasm and pride for USF.
- D. Scholastic Awards or Achievements: List all awards and/or achievements.

- E. Community Service: List and identify degree of participation in community activities. Please indicate if this involvement directly or indirectly involved the University or reflected well on the University.

**Personal Statement**

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following question:

*Why should you be recognized as USFSP's Outstanding Graduate?*

When providing this answer, please discuss how you maintained and managed your level of involvement in campus and community activities and work.

**Letters of Recommendation**

This application and two (2) letters of recommendation are required of all candidates. Please list the names, addresses and phone numbers of individuals submitting recommendations on your behalf in the spaces provided below. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the required application and recommendation letters be submitted together to Yoli Lanuza, Office of Academic Affairs, BAY 204, by **March 16, 2012**. No recommendation letters will be accepted past the application deadline.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby voluntarily consent to the release of information pertaining to my academic records and the verification of my student conduct record to the Office of Alumni Affairs for the purpose of the Outstanding Graduate Award selection.**

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_