



**USFSP Outstanding Graduate
Award
Fall 2011 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.

Fall 2011 Application Deadline: Monday, October 17, 2011

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 Fall 2011 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 **October 17, 2011**. No recommendation letters will be accepted past the application deadline.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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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:** _____