# SERVICE LEARNING MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. **Criteria for Award:**
	* The Service Learning Mentor of the Year Award is given annually to a faculty member who actively embraces Service Learning, an experiential learning pedagogy that encourages students to utilize the skills and knowledge of their discipline to meet a need in the community. **A significant criterion should be one of impact and innovation. There should be substantial evidence that a nominee’s service learning activities have had a significant positive effect on students’ education and our community.** There should also be substantial evidence that the nominee’s professional life has been characterized by a commitment to service learning activities as opposed to a one-time involvement in such activity.
	* The award will include a one-time $1,000 stipend, a certificate, and recognition at the annual Faculty Awards Banquet.

# Eligibility:

* + Full-time or part-time permanent faculty appointment as a lecturer, tenured, or tenure-track employee of Murray State University. Full-time staff who teach courses are also be eligible.
* Awardees will be eligible for another award five years after a previous award. Previous winners will be evaluated on their service learning record since the previous award.

# Nomination Procedures:

* + Faculty, staff, alumni, students, and members of the community may submit nominations. Only one nomination is needed to place a candidate’s name in nomination.
	+ Persons wishing to nominate a faculty member for this award should download the Service Learning Mentor of the Year Nomination Form and submit it to Shawna Thomas (sthomas39@murraystate.edu).

# Selection Process:

2021-2022 Committee Members:

* + Steve Cox (COB)
	+ Robert Fritz (CHFA)
	+ Howard Whiteman (CSET)
	+ TBD (SNHP)
* Bill DeWees (SOA)
* Summer Cross (SNHP)
* AJ Boston (Library)

*\*Awardee will serve on the selection committee for the following year.*

Timeline:

March 14, 2022: Deadline for Nominations

March 28, 2022: Selection of Awardee

April 2022: Recognize recipient at the annual MSU Faculty Awards Banquet

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**2020-2021 NOMINATION FORM**

1. **Name of nominee:**
2. **Nominee’s current position:**
3. **Number of nominee’s years of service as full time MSU faculty member:**
4. **List of titles and dates of nominee’s service learning classes** *(please attach syllabi):*

# Justification of why the nominee deserves this award:

*Please summarize the merits of the nominee for this award. This should include examples of the nominee’s service learning, and describing how his/her classes benefitted both students and the community in a mutually positive way. Limit: two single-spaced pages.*

1. **Nominator’s name:**

**Nominator’s signature**

**Date:**

1. **Letters of Support:**

*Attach at least one (but no more than two) additional supporting letters from another individual who can comment on the significance of this nominee’s service (e.g., chairperson, colleague, student, community partner etc.)*