

Jonathan Blake Waxler Memorial Prize for Social Justice

Nominations and self-nominations are invited for the Jonathan Blake Waxler Memorial Prize for Social Justice.

The Jonathan Blake Waxler Memorial Prize for Social Justice was established in 1996 to honor the memory of the beloved son of UMassD English professor, Robert Waxler, and his wife, Linda. The \$500 annual prize recognizes a student who has exhibited a dedication to social activism, advocacy, community organizing, or civic engagement as a way of enhancing the dignity of all people. The spirit of the prize is founded on Jonathan's belief and vision for a democratic society and his commitment to social justice, especially for those less fortunate than himself.

The prize is open to a student who, within the preceding 12 months, identified an issue on campus or in the community related to enhancing the possibility of justice and equality for everyone and worked to make this possibility into a reality through social activism, community organizing, advocacy, or civic engagement.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

- 1) Currently enrolled UMassD student who has completed as least 30 credit hours at UMassD prior to the current semester and is in good academic standing.
- 2) Has identified a campus or community issue related to the possibility of enhancing equality and social justice and worked to help make that possibility into a reality.

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____

Nominee's E-mail: _____

Nominee's Local Address: _____

Number of Completed Credit Hours: _____

Name and Phone Number of Nominator: _____

Please submit this application form along with a written statement (no more than one page) that addresses the following questions:

- 1) Please describe how the issue was first identified and how the nominee initiated action to address it.
- 2) Please describe the impact the nominee made on the community and the impact this project has had on the nominee.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and staff coordinated by the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement.

Applications may be e-mailed to leduccenter@umasssd.edu or mailed to Leduc Center for Civic Engagement, UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, Dartmouth, MA, 02747. The deadline for applications is March 6, 2020.

For questions, please contact Gary Marden at gary.marden@umassd.edu.