QUEST FOR THE BEST
Recommendation Statement by SDSU Faculty or Staff member

Quest for the Best is an annual event recognizing up to 10 outstanding SDSU student leaders who have typified and promoted the broader mission of this university. A panel of faculty, staff, and past Quest winners evaluate candidate applications, interview the finalists, and select the award recipients. Students are assessed on academic excellence, student involvement and commitment, and off campus community service. Also considered are leadership qualities and development that reflect initiative, advancement of intercultural understanding, and evidence of positive, ethical decision-making styles.

The person named below has given your name as one who can discuss his or her personal qualities. The Quest for the Best award seeks to recognize outstanding student leaders who have contributed to both the university and the community in a variety of ways.

This is a blind review process, so please include the applicants name only on the line provided below. If you would like to refer to the student in your letter of recommendation, you can refer to the student as “XXX” or “Student A.”

Please type or print

Name of applicant: ____________________________________________________________

Relationship to applicant: ______________________________________________________

Length of time you have known the applicant: ______________________________________

Degree to which you know the applicant:

☐ Very well
☐ Fairly well
☐ Slightly

Your Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Title/Department: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________
Based upon your experience with the applicant, please rate this person according to the following criteria:

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<th>5-Excellent</th>
<th>4-Above average</th>
<th>3-Average</th>
<th>2-Below average</th>
<th>1-Don’t know</th>
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1. Academic excellence (including grade point average, independent research, participation in professional and academic societies, involvement in departmental activities, etc.)
   a. Circle one: 5 4 3 2 1

2. Student service and activities (including student organizations, athletics, honor societies, student government and college councils, Daily Aztec and KCR radio, housing and fraternity/sorority life, etc.)
   a. Circle one: 5 4 3 2 1

3. Community service outside the SDSU campus (including volunteer work with medical, social services, theatrical, artistic, cultural, political entities, etc.)
   a. Circle one: 5 4 3 2 1

4. Leadership qualities and development (including the degree of involvement and initiative within activities, the furtherance of intercultural understanding, and the evidence of the development of positive, ethical decision-making styles.)
   a. Circle one: 5 4 3 2 1

5. Please write a letter in support of the applicant. Please include what you consider to be the most outstanding characteristics of the applicant and what makes them the most eligible for this award.

Your signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________

The deadline to turn in this recommendation is Monday, February 15, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

When complete, please send via email to:
Chelsea Winer at: cwiner@mail.sdsu.edu

If you prefer to send a paper copy, please send to:
Chelsea Winer
Student Life & Leadership
Aztec Student Union, Room 220
Mail Code: 7440

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

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