**Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2018-2019**

Graduate Student Awards are intended to honor and encourage graduate students whose academic and non-academic achievements display a high order of excellence and distinction. The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) seeks to recognize students of exceptional ability who show promise for substantial future achievement.

To be eligible for this **$1,000** award, the applicant must be a graduate student and in a recognized BGSU academic graduate degree program that is in good standing with the Graduate Student Senate. The application must be submitted by **March 4, 2019 by 11:59 pm using the application found on the GSS Canvas page under “Modules”.** Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

**Easy 2-step Application Process**

● **STEP ONE: Applicant information page**

Please include your name, University ID number, BGSU Email address, and Department. Next identify the persons who will be writing your 3 letters of support. The following letters will be required:

* One letter written by a student (either a graduate or undergraduate student); One by the graduate coordinator, the chair of the department, or adviser; One by a second faculty member

● **STEP TWO: Essay questions (total length: 500-1000 words)**

1. Describe your involvement with the University and/or the Bowling Green community and how it reflects your individual values and skills.

2. Bowling Green State University’s five core values are:

○ Respect for one another

○ Cooperation

○ Intellectual and Personal Growth

○ Creativity and Innovation

○ Pursuit of Excellence

Choose two core values and describe how you have demonstrated them at BGSU.

Is there anything else that you would like the committee to know in considering you for this award? (Optional)

● Late applications will not be considered.

INSTRUCTIONS for the letters of reference: Letters of reference must be submitted electronically.

■ Electronic letters should be sent to [gss-shanklin@bgsu.edu](mailto:gss-shanklin@bgsu.edu) on or before **11:59 pm on March 4, 2019.** Electronic letters should contain the name of the student and the name of the award in the subject line:

“Graduate Student of the Year Award: Mary Jones”

On the first line state your name and indicate if you are faculty or a student. This information will be deleted before going to judges. The body of letter should not contain the student’s name.

■ No paper submissions will be accepted.

The judges for this award will consist of three faculty members who will review all application packets received by the deadline and will select the award recipients.  The award recipients will be announced at the annual Shanklin and Graduate Student Senate Award Ceremony on **April 18, 2019**.