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**[STUDENT VERSION]**

***ALLIANT ENERGY/ERROLL B.DAVIS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD***

**NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
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**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In 2006 the Alliant Energy Foundation endowed the University of Wisconsin System *Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award* to honor the outstanding scholarship and community service of undergraduate students from traditionally underrepresented minority groups pursuing a degree in Business or Engineering (preference will be given to students majoring in Electrical Engineering or Finance) at UW-Madison and UW-Platteville. Award recipients are nominated during the fall of the final year of the program. To receive this achievement award, recipients must present proof of graduation in their respective major (Business or Engineering) within 12 months of their nomination.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for this award you must be:

1. Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student majoring in Business or Engineering UW-Madison or UW-Platteville;
2. Scheduled to receive a degree within 12 months of being nominated;
3. A member of the following underrepresented minority groups traditionally underrepresented at those campuses and in the UW System: African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Southeast Asian or from a racial or ethnic group traditionally underrepresented in the fields of Engineering or Business;
4. A citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien; and
5. Recommended by the campus nomination committee.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Faculty, staff, or students may nominate eligible students and students may self-nominate. To be considered, eligible candidates must submit their complete packet of required nomination materials, by **September 29, 2006**, to the Diversity Affairs Office, 2640 Engineering Hall, 1415 Engineering Drive, Madison, WI 53706. Deans, associate, or assistant deans for Business or Engineering, will review each submission and will work in partnership with faculty and Multicultural/Disadvantaged Coordinators to select the top 5-10 nominees to represent their campus. They will forward their campus' nominations to the UW System *Alliant Energy/Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award* Selection Committee, by the second Friday in October each year, for consideration and selection of the award recipients.

## REQUIRED NOMINATION MATERIALS/DOCUMENTATION

To be considered, you must include the following information in your nomination packet and submit the completed packet to the designated person/office on campus:

- 1) A copy of your resume;
- 2) A 1- to 2-page statement outlining:
  - a) your career aspirations and an explanation of how those aspirations have evolved over time;
  - b) an explanation of how your current studies and involvement in campus and community activities have prepared you to achieve those aspirations;
  - c) a description of your exemplary leadership and service, including the nature, extent (timeframe, frequency, role, etc.), and impacts of his or her participation; and
  - d) Any extenuating circumstances that impacted her/his academic life (e.g. family or financial responsibilities, unique challenges or difficulties faced, etc.)
- 3) Completed Nominee Contact Form

## NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF AWARDS

The UW System Administration shall award annually, at least one award in the amount of one thousand dollars. UW System Administration, at its discretion, may award up to a total of four awards annually, ranging in amounts from one to five thousand dollars, depending upon the income generated by the endowment investments. When there are multiple awards available, reasonable effort would be made to give at least one to each campus and to distribute the awards across the two disciplinary areas. At the discretion of UW System Administration, the total number of awards presented each year may also be increased as earnings on the endowment investment income increase.

## AWARDS PROGRAM

Recipients shall be publicly recognized by the UW System President annually at an appropriate event to be determined. Representatives of Alliant Energy may elect to participate in that program. The Award presentation may include a Board resolution and an official *Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award Certificate and Award*, including a letter indicating the amount of the award and the deadline for recipients to submit proof of graduation to the UW System Administration.

## DEADLINES

A complete packet of nomination materials must be received by the *Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award* Nomination Review Committee (or other designated location) on the campus where the nominee is enrolled, by **September 29, 2006** to Diversity Affairs Office, 2640 Engineering Hall, 1415 Engineering Drive, Madison , WI 53706. Student nominations packages received after that date will not be considered.

The UW-Madison and UW-Platteville *Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award* Nomination Review Committees must submit ten (10) complete sets of all nomination packets by the second Friday in October each year, to the UW System *Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award* Selection Committee, Office of Academic Diversity and Development, 1220 Linden Drive, 1660 Van Hise Hall, Madison, WI