**Dean’s Leadership Award for Volunteering**

This award acknowledges students who have contributed significantly to an organisation or individual. Recipients should have a clearly defined leadership role within the organisation that involved managing other people, being accountable for projects/initiatives, and motivating other students to volunteer. This award can be through self-nomination or third-party nomination. In the case of third-party nomination please download the third-party nomination form and the person you are nominating will be contacted to complete the form below. Closing date for applications **Monday 22nd March 2021.**

**Personal Details (\* indicates a required field)**

\*Surname:

\*First:

\*Trinity Student Number:

\*Trinity email address:

\*Course of study:

\*Year of Study (JF, SF, JS, SS, Masters, PhD):

\*School of Study:

Second School of Study (for those with multi-School courses (BESS, TSM, etc.):

**Organisation Details**

1. Name of organisation or individual with which you volunteered:
2. Brief (no more than one sentence, please) description of what the organisation does (e.g. provides tutors for secondary school students, organises an arts festival).
3. Brief (no more than one sentence, please) description of your role (e.g. Head Mentor, Coach, Team Leader).

**Reflection**

Reflective practice is a deliberate way of thinking that **leads to change in action**. As part of the application you have been asked to submit 3 reflections using the [online guided reflection tool](https://www.tcd.ie/students/reflection/). These will not be assessed themselves. However, you may find them useful to use as you fill out the reflection below (you may copy and paste from reflections you have already done). Throughout your careers you will be expected to understand how you work and perform, to play to your strengths and to identify and work on your weaknesses. The ability to reflect is linked Trinity’s Graduate Attributes: to think independently, to act responsibly, and to communicate effectively. You may wish to refer to the Graduate Attributes and Principles to guide your reflection. They can be seen on the Graduate Attributes [webpage](http://www.tcd.ie/TEP/draft/graduateattributes.php). You may want to consider the impact of COVID-19 and the associated restrictions on the activities in which you have participated.

Each of the following sections is worth a maximum of 20 marks. No more than 250 words per section.

**Section 1**

Please reflect on and demonstrate why you were motivated to take on responsibility in named projects and initiatives. Please include examples of **creative and critical thinking** as they relate to specific and sustained leadership role in the organisation.

**Section 2**

1. Give examples of how you have developed or adapted your professional and transferrable skills. For example: project/time/people management; presentation skills; financial skills; communication and listening skills.
2. (a) Describe one future ambition and (b) reflect on how these skills will aid you in achieving this goal.

**Section 3**

Describe your **philosophy of leadership.** Reflect on your ethics, on how you manage risk, and commitment. Were you **an effective leader?**  Reflect on your participation in and with your team; did you collaborate well; did you persuade others to actively participate? How did you deal with **ambiguity**? Please give examples of **your impact and value** your leadership has had on yourself, the organisation, and the society/individual you volunteered with.

**References**

Your application will be supported through references from your manager, which will be greatly strengthened by personal testimony from those under your leadership if your manager chooses to contact them. Please provide the name, email address. (e.g. your volunteer manager, chair of the Central Societies Committee). **The Reference Form is at the end of this document**.

**Confirmation**

1. Please give an estimate of the hours that you contributed and the dates that these hours spanned.

Estimate of hours: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

From (starting date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to (finishing date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I confirm that I have not received payment or course credit for this work.

Your name:\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* By providing your electronic signature (typing your name) you confirm the statement above.

**Reference Form for the Dean’s Leadership Award for Volunteering**

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**Contact Details of Referee**

1. Name of Student Volunteer:
2. Name of Volunteer Organisation:
3. Name of Referee:
4. Organisation Phone Number:
5. Role of Referee (volunteer manager etc):

**Reference**

1. Please include your thoughts on the student’s leadership skills.
2. How has the organisation benefited from the student's volunteering?
3. How did their actions help with the changes brought with COVID-19 (if applicable)?
4. Did the student make a sustained commitment to your organisation?
5. Please confirm that the work was unpaid and not for course credit.

If you have any queries about this application, please email Simone Cameron-Coen at scamero@tcd.ie