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**STUDENT LEADERSHIP HONORS**  
**APPLICATION PACKET**  
*ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017*

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**PURPOSE**

Student Leadership Honors are publicly awarded to students in recognition and honor of the voluntary leadership contributions they have made to Matanuska-Susitna College (MSC) while maintaining their academic excellence. Through leadership activities, honor students must have enhanced the educational mission of Mat-Su College, and more importantly, offered other students the opportunity to grow and excel. Their involvement must have promoted individual and collective growth, thereby enhancing student life at Mat-Su College. Recipients of MSC Student Leadership Honors will have a permanent notation of the award made on their transcripts and will be commemorated at the Spring Commencement ceremony.

**CRITERIA**

1. Must have graduated or be graduating from an MSC program in summer 2016, fall 2016, or spring 2017
2. Must have a minimum cumulative MSC/UAA GPA of 3.0
3. Must demonstrate ongoing leadership involvement during two or more semesters while a student at MSC
4. Must make a significant contribution to the college in one or more of the following ways:
  - a. Elected/appointed to office
  - b. Chaired a committee
  - c. Participated in college club activities, MSC student government, or other MSC student groups promoting the educational mission of the college and enhancing student life on campus
5. Must present two letters of recommendation that speak specifically about college leadership participation

The student's involvement must have contributed to the improvement of student life on campus; recommendations must therefore demonstrate how the student has made a significant contribution to MSC and its students through his or her involvement in campus leadership activities.



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### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Complete the attached Student Leadership Honors application.
- Submit a narrative description of the voluntary leadership contributions you have made to Matanuska-Susitna College (MSC). Explain how you have enhanced the educational mission of MSC and offered other students the opportunity to grow and excel.
- In a separate bulleted list, give the names and contact information of your references, record your club/group memberships, and itemize your college accomplishments.
- Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from MSC faculty or staff who know you well and can speak directly and specifically about your demonstrated MSC leadership experience, ability, and potential. The recommendations must specifically address your campus leadership participation.
- Return the completed application and letters of recommendation to the following address:

Matanuska-Susitna College  
Attn: Student Services  
PO Box 2889  
Palmer, AK 99645

You may also drop off your materials in person.

If you have any questions about this process, please call 745-9762.

### **AWARDING PROCESS**

1. The Student Leadership Honors Selection Committee is comprised of faculty and staff.
2. In addition to a permanent notation of the award on their transcripts, selected students will receive a red Leadership Honors cord to wear at Commencement. An explanation of the honor will appear in the commencement program with a list of the honorees.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Completed applications and all attachments *must be received* in Student Services, FSM 101, by:

**Friday, April 28, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Please type the answers to the following items on a separate sheet of paper. Thank you.

1. Write a narrative description of the voluntary leadership contributions you have made to Matanuska-Susitna College (MSC). Explain how you have enhanced the educational mission of the college and offered other students the opportunity to grow and excel.
2. In a separate bulleted list, give the names and contact information of your references, record your MSC club/group memberships (including the dates you served), and itemize your college accomplishments (include awards, honors, and activities).
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**RELEASE TO VERIFY GPA**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, SID# \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the MSC Student  
*Print Name*

Services office to verify my cumulative MSC/UAA GPA. I hereby attest that the information in this application is true and correct.

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Student Signature

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Date

Please submit this page with your typed responses and a minimum of two letters of recommendation to the MSC Student Services office, FSM 101, or mail to MSC, Student Services, PO Box 2889 Palmer, AK 99645. **The application deadline is Friday, April 28, 2017. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. Late applications will not be accepted.** If you have any questions about this process, please call 745-9762.



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**To the Recommender:** This student is applying for Student Leadership Honors to be awarded upon graduation. Please describe the student's strengths with regard to academic achievement, campus leadership, and /or character. Support your statements with references to your personal academic/campus experiences with the student. Please feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.

*Please Print Legibly*

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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