

The University of Rhode Island

A. Robert Rainville Team Excellence Award Application 2011–2012

Congratulations! Your team _____ has been nominated by a member of the University community for one of the most prestigious awards given to an undergraduate group.

To continue to be eligible for this award, please complete this form and submit the required information by the stated deadline **Friday, February 17, 2012**. For more information about the award, ask in the Student Involvement Office Room 210 in the Memorial Union or go to www.mu.uri.edu/rainville.

Team name: _____

Contact person for team _____

Address _____

Cell phone number _____ other phone number _____

e-mail _____

Names of **ALL** Team Members: (Please put a star next to team members who are not undergraduates enrolled in at least 6 credits). **ALL TEAM MEMBERS NAMES MUST BE LISTED ON THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECOGNITION PROCESS!**

Staff/Faculty Advisor & phone # _____

Team members:

_____	_____
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The Banquet is **Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 6pm** all nominated teams are invited. You will be receiving an invitation to the banquet in the mail before spring break. Again, congratulations on your team's nomination.

Information Form

**We encourage ALL team members to participate in the development of the application for the award.
Advisors and/or Coaches cannot write the application for the team.**

**YOU MUST RETURN THE ENTIRE APPLICATION TO ROOM 210 MEMORIAL UNION
BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011 or email to: rainvill@etal.uri.edu**

1. Briefly describe the goals and/or activities which your team performs and over what period of time they have worked together.

2. Briefly describe how your team functions. For example: How are responsibilities of team members determined? How is work shared/delegated? How does the team set its goals and how do they accomplish them? What kinds of activities does the team engage in which keeps them focused, productive, and operating collaboratively?

A. Written response to these questions is required:

- What have team members gained from the work or activities listed above?
- How have the work or activities changed or contributed to the personal growth and development of team members?
- How has the work or activities contributed to the betterment of the community?

B. Please choose two of the following questions and respond in writing:

- What motivates the team and keeps it going?
- If chosen to speak to incoming students, what advice would your team offer on leadership and service?
- During your time at URI what problems does your team find prevalent? How might you, as a team, go about resolving them?

Note: Your answers to A and B should total no more than 2 typed pages.

Required: 2 letters of recommendation from any two members of the University community (students, staff, or faculty) who are not members of your team. You should bring in the recommendation letters with the other material being submitted by your team or have letter writers email to rainvill@etal.uri.edu to complete the application process for this award.

Remember! The team must return the information form, essays, and recommendations to Room 210 Memorial Union by Friday, February 17, 2012 or email completed applications to rainvill@etal.uri.edu - Incomplete applications will be judged on their merits.

This award recognizes a team which may be a program committee, a student organization, an athletic team, or a group who worked together on a project for the community, who worked together in high functioning form to achieve their goals. It is through successful teamwork that organizations achieve their purpose and goals. This is the essence of good leadership!

The team recipient of the award is chosen by a group of students who have agreed to serve on a selection committee and the recipient of the award is announced at the banquet on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Two Grad Students will serve only in an advising capacity. Criteria for this award are listed below.

High functioning teams reflect to fine varying degrees each of these characteristics:

- A clear sense of purpose/goals
- Standards of excellence
- Effective leadership which focuses on collaboration
- Empowered team members
- Support and recognition of team members
- Competent and skilled team members

If you have any questions please contact Bonnie Turano bdturano@uri.edu or Maureen McDermott mmcdermott@uri.edu or call the Student Involvement Office at 874-2726.