

Dixie Awards Rules and Regulations

1. Nominees in each category can be initially recommended by any member of the campus community, and then all nominees pass through an extensive review process before five finalists are selected by the preliminary screening committee.
2. An individual may be a finalist in a maximum of two categories in one year, and may receive the same award in consecutive years if nominated & selected as the winner.
3. Nominations are open annually from March 1st-April 1st/March 31st
4. The preliminary screening committee will only review electronically submitted materials during the first round - this typically includes the original nomination form(s), and the nominee's response to five questions which are directly related to the category.
5. If selected as one of five category finalists, the nominee may be asked to submit additional materials or to participate in a private interview or performance --dependent upon the category.
6. The "Dixie 11 Award" is by invitation only, and open only to those students who have been identified as Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude graduates. These students receive a personal letter of invitation to apply for the award, and are given instructions on the process. This award procedure is under the direction of the DSU Alumni Association.
7. A basic Dixie Award judging panel typically consists of the following:
 - a. One DSU faculty member (may be asked to serve as head judge)
 - b. One DSU staff member (may be asked to serve as head judge)
 - c. One DSU male student (cannot be a member of DSUSA Executive Council)
 - d. One DSU female student (cannot be a member of DSUSA Executive Council)
 - e. One community/campus member at large
8. Judging ballots and a detailed scoring system are used to determine the top two candidates within each general category, and then the winner is decided by panel debate.
9. All student winners must be currently enrolled full-time DSU students. There will be only one winner in each category.
10. In the case of extenuating circumstances or a tie, the results are reviewed by the Dean of Students, and his/her decision is final.