

HDFS Undergraduate Award for ePortfolio Excellence

The HDFS Undergraduate Award for ePortfolio Excellence is offered by The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) to recognize exceptional ePortfolio work completed by its undergraduate majors.

Two excellence awards will be presented. The first award will recognize a HDFS major who demonstrates excellence in the presentation of a beginning ePortfolio. The second award will recognize a HDFS senior who demonstrates excellence in the presentation of their final ePortfolio.

Eligibility and Nomination

All HDFS sophomore or higher undergraduate majors who have developed an ePortfolio are eligible for the award. Students are encouraged to self-nominate, but nominations also can be made by student peers and HDFS faculty.

All ePortfolios nominated for the award should clearly state a professional goal and be designed to support that professional goal through effective communication to a targeted audience, such as employer, graduate school or internship site.

An ePortfolio that is submitted after a student has completed all of their HDFS course hours, both core and elective classes, and/or when the student is completing their last academic semester will be considered as a Senior, or final, ePortfolio. All other ePortfolios will be considered Beginning.

Nominations for the award must be submitted online before April 15 of each academic year. Recipients will be notified by May 1.

Selection Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of HDFS faculty utilizing the *HDFS ePortfolio Rubric* as well as the following criteria:

1. The ePortfolio includes an "About Me" page that clearly states a professional goal. The "About Me" page provides an introduction that emphasizes professional characteristics more than personal.
2. A beginning ePortfolio should present 3 or more artifacts that support preparation to accomplish the stated professional goal. Final ePortfolios should present 5 or more artifacts that support preparation to accomplish the stated professional goal.
3. The ePortfolio presents a current resume. The address and phone number of the student should not be included on the resume.
4. The ePortfolio includes a contact link that provides a means for an email to be sent from the external audience to the student.
5. The ePortfolio includes at least one photo of the student that is professional in nature, although all included photos should be professional in the image presented.

Recognition of Award Recipients

The award for excellence in the presentation of a beginning ePortfolio will consist of a certificate of excellence and \$250.00. The award for excellence in the presentation of a senior ePortfolio will consist of a certificate of excellence and \$500.00. Recipients also will be recognized through announcements in the CHS newsletter and HDFS social media pages, as well as through an email to the HDFS undergraduate listserv, and a photo in the HDFS ePortfolio hall display.