Office of International Initiatives
International Student of the Year 2013

Purpose: This award honors and recognizes outstanding contributions to international understanding by Georgia State University international students.

Eligibility: Consideration for this award shall be given to current GSU students who:
- Are in either F1 or J1 visa status
- Have made significant scholarly achievements at GSU
- Are global citizens and inspire global citizenship in others
- Have made exemplary contributions to enrich the campus culturally and further international understanding. This could consist of academic research, extra-curricular campus activities, and/or community involvement abroad or in the U.S. (such as with school programs, civic group programs, or service projects). Normally, recipients have made contributions in more than one area.

(The nominee must be on campus for fall 2013 in order to be considered for an award.)

Awards: The award will be presented at the International Honorary Reception on October 21st, 2013.

Application Process: Any GSU faculty, staff, student or affiliate can nominate a GSU international student for the award or any GSU international student can apply for the award.

If you are a student applying for the award, please submit the following documents:

- a completed application form
- a statement outlining in what ways you consider yourself to be a global citizen, and how you have made contributions to further international understanding. Make sure to include concrete examples. For the purpose of this award, the Office of International Initiatives (OII) defines a global citizen as someone who has heightened understanding of international matters (cultural, educational, economic, political or other) and who acts to promote increased understanding and cooperation between peoples of different countries and cultures.
- at least one, but not more than two, letters of support from references who can address your involvement in activities pertinent to the eligibility criteria
- a résumé

To nominate a student, please submit the following documents:

- a completed nomination form
- a statement outlining in what ways the student is a global citizen, and how s/he has made contributions to further international understanding. For the purpose of this award, OII defines a global citizen as someone who has heightened understanding of international matters (cultural, educational, economic, political or other) and who acts to promote increased understanding and cooperation between peoples of different countries and cultures.
- an additional letter of support from another reference who can address the student’s involvement in activities pertinent to the eligibility criteria
- a résumé from the student

Application deadline: All application materials must be received by International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) by 5:00 p.m. on September 30th, 2013. For additional information, please contact ISSS (see contact information below).
Students may apply for an award themselves or they may be nominated by a GSU student, faculty or staff member. If you are a nominator, please follow the instructions in Part 1 below. If you are a candidate, please follow the instructions in Part 2 below. Thank you.

PART 1: INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATORS:
Complete this application and submit it to International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) by 5 p.m. on September 30th, 2013 along with:

- a statement outlining in what ways the nominee is a global citizen (see definition on previous page), and how s/he has made contributions to further international understanding
- an additional letter of support from another reference who can address the candidate’s involvement in activities pertinent to the eligibility criteria (encourage the nominee to ask for additional letter of support)
- the candidate’s résumé

Name of candidate: ____________________________
How long has the candidate been a GSU student?
___________________________________________
Your relationship to the student:
___________________________________________
Your name: ________________________________
Your title: _________________________________
Your phone: ________________________________
Your email address: _________________________
Your relationship to Georgia State University:
________________________________________________________________________

PART 2: INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:
Complete this application and submit it to International Student & Scholar Services by 5 p.m. on September 30th, 2013 along with:

- a statement outlining in what ways you consider yourself a global citizen (see definition on previous page), and how you have made contributions to further international understanding
- at least one, but not more than two, letters of support from references, addressing your involvement in activities pertinent to the eligibility criteria
- your résumé

Name: ________________________________
Address: __________________________________
__________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________
Email: _________________________________
How long have you been a GSU student?
__________________________________________

Major(s): __________________________________
Country of Origin:
__________________________________________
Expected Graduation Date: _________________
Post-graduation plans:
________________________________________________________________________

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