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**Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education**

**2023 Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence**

# Nomination Information and Selection Criteria

## **A**. **Nomination Packet**

The nomination packet should consist of the following:

* A nomination letter from the institution’s president.
* An essay**\*** written by the nominee addressing how the university prepared him/her

for the next career step and what that next step will be.

* The nominee’s latest transcript (a copy is acceptable-does not have to be certified)
* The nominee’s vita or résumé.
* Two letters of recommendation, preferably from university faculty.

*\*The essay should not exceed two double-spaced pages using 12-point type.*

## **B. Criteria for the Award**

Each nomination is evaluated using the following criteria:

* Outstanding academic performance in the academic major and in other areas

of study.

* Recognition of scholarship by members of the university faculty.
* Participation in extra/co-curricular activities during undergraduate years.
* Quality of the nominee’s essay.

## **C. Finalists:**

* All finalists will be asked to allow the PASSHE Foundation to create a short video featuring the finalist and his/her achievements.

## **D. Deadline**

The State System University Presidents should upload their letter of nomination and all other supporting materials, including the nominee’s essay, no later than **Friday, January 13, 2023**, **to** [**Scholarship Manager**](https://thepafoundation.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/ScholarX_ApplyForScholarship.aspx?applicationformid=23669&AYID=1560)**. One person from your office will need to create an account to upload the documentation. Instructions for creating an account are included with this email.**

Questions regarding the award and/or process should be directed to Maureen Uleau (717) 720-4224 or [muleau@passhe.edu](mailto:muleau@passhe.edu). Questions regarding Scholarship Manager should be directed to Robert Nelson at [RNelson@thepafoundation.org](mailto:RNelson@thepafoundation.org) or by calling (717) 720-4065.

**Note:** For security purposes, please do not transmit a nominee’s social security number.