The UMSL Excellence in Civic Engagement Award honors three individuals (one UMSL Student, one UMSL Staff member, and one UMSL Faculty member) who demonstrate sustained commitment to civic engagement, both on and off campus. Model characteristics for the award MAY include, but are not limited to:

- Actively participates in the democratic process (e.g., votes in elections)
- Participates or maintains membership in civic organizations or activities
- Holds Leadership roles within such organizations
- Actively encourages others to be engaged in civic opportunities such as advisory boards, local/regional government committees, etc.
- Collaborates with others to create and implement new opportunities for civic engagement, both at UMSL and in the surrounding community
- Engages in scholarly pursuit of civic engagement, such as analyzing election data for use in strategic planning

Any member of the UMSL Community is eligible for this award. Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by a peer. Nominations should include a brief description detailing what qualities make the nominee the ideal candidate, a copy of the nominee's resume, and any additional evidence to support the nominee's qualifications.

Nominations for this award are due by Wednesday, March 1st. The winners will be announced at the Leadership Awards Banquet, hosted by the Office of Student Involvement on Monday, April 24th.

For questions or concerns regarding this award or the nomination process, please contact Katy Mike Smaistrla, Sustainable Energy & Environmental Coordinator and member of the Civic Engagement Committee: smaistrlakm@umsl.edu