## 2024 Awards for Student Excellence Nomination Form [#1]

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| Faculty/Staff Nominator Name *  | Appreciated Nominator   |
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| Faculty/Staff Nominator Email *   | nominator@newpaltz.edu  |
| Faculty/Staff<br>Nominator Phone Number   | (845) 257–3260  |
| Please check which award(s) you would like<br>to nominate your student for (check all<br>that apply): * | <ul> <li>SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence</li> <li>SUNY New Paltz President's Award for Student Excellence</li> </ul> |
| Student Nominee Name *  | Exemplar Student  |
| New Paltz Student ID / Banner Number:   | N01234567   |
| Student Nominee SUNY New Paltz Email *  | student@newpaltz.edu  |
| Student Nominee Alternate E-mail  | exemplarstudent@personalemail.com   |
| Student Nominee Address (Current Mailing Address not Necessarily permanent address) *                   | 1234 Home Street Home, New York 12345 United States   |
| Type of Degree (BA, BS, BFA, MA, MBA, etc.)   | BA  |
| Major(s)  | Sociology   |
| Cumulative GPA (Including Fall 2023 grades if known)  | 3.85  |
| Date when student started at SUNY New Paltz (nearest month – enter 01 for day)                          | Saturday, August 1, 2020  |
| Date of New Paltz Graduation (nearest month - enter 01 for day)   | Wednesday, May 1, 2024  |
| Hometown (city, state)  | Hometown, NY  |
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Please share a brief student biography (written in third person), 100 words or fewer. \*

She is a biology major on the pre-medical track double minoring in chemistry and disaster studies with the intention to pursue an MD/Ph.D. She is originally from Alexandria, Egypt but currently resides in Queens. During her time at New Paltz she has received various merit awards, research grants, and scholarships. She is a member of the honors program with a 3.9 GPA and is involved in various on campus organizations such as faculty mentored research, Circle K, and AC^2. She also volunteers at the North Shore University Hospital, and locally at the Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps

Accomplishment Area #1: Please select ONE of the following areas in which the student has honors, accomplishments, or achievements.

• Arts (Creative and Performing)

Please refer to the pop-up messages for the categories for sample experiences appropriate within that section. \*

Provide examples of the sustained accomplishments in the category selected. Must include specifics such as accomplishments, honors or achievements, type and description of awards received, organizational involvement, and service dates. 250 words or less. \*

Mural, completed during two trips to Orocovis, Puerto Rico. During a service trip Exemplar painted a mural to highlight the stories of members of the Orocovis community following the devastation of Hurricane Maria. (06/2019–07/2019)

Marketing Assistant, Fine Arts Department (09/2019-5/2020).

Documented Fine and Performing Arts events by attending events and taking photos. Created digital signage for events. Filmed and edited a series of interviews with students to advertise upcoming theatrical productions.

Show, Honors Center (03/2020)

Exemplar's LinkedIn profile says she offers "a physical-arts mindset within a digital landscape and vice versa." She has served as a social media and graphic design intern at the Career Resource Center (01/19-present), a social media intern for the Office of Communication and Marketing (OCM) (09/21-12/21), and as a social media assistant for the Honors Program (09/20-05/21). She is planning to pursue graduate work in branding and integrated communication.

Exemplar is gifted painter. She has explored career options through internships.

Accomplishment Area #2: Please select ONE of the following areas in which the student has honors, accomplishments, or achievements.

Campus Involvement or Community Service

Please refer to the pop-up messages for the categories for sample experiences appropriate within that section. \*

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Exemplar was a young Black woman pursuing a higher education in an environment where individuals demographically reflected and shared similar experiences. Hence, her transfer to NP and participation in SMP, a program that motivates her to pursue academic excellence while giving back to her community. Since joining the organization, she's maintained a high GPA earning Dean's every semester. She also assisted with recruiting potential incoming students to the program by participating in general interest phone calls, Open House, panels, and campus tours. Additionally, Exemplar finds ways to service her community through education.

As a Digital Media Production major Exemplar is expected to creatively express herself in her work and believes her best work is created when it focuses on her passion for her community. In Field Production, she produced a documentary, "Breaking Barriers" which focuses on the history and perseverance of SMP. The following semester she took BLK 420, a course where she mentored two fellow SMP students. By providing academic and professional guidance she established a solid relationship with them on behalf of the program.

Exemplar's commitment to SMP has led her to be a two-time winning recipient of The Margaret Wade Lewis Memorial Endowment Scholarship. Additionally, Exemplar was asked to be the Scholarship Reception Speaker in

April 2022 and later asked to write and sign for the FFNP Appeal on behalf of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Overall, Exemplar's diligence in SMP led to an extension of involvement on campus.

Accomplishment Area #3: Please select ONE of the following areas in which the student has honors, accomplishments, or achievements.

• Academic Excellence

Please refer to the pop-up messages for the categories for sample experiences appropriate within that section. \*

Provide examples of the sustained accomplishments in the category selected. Must include specifics such as accomplishments, honors or achievements, type and description of awards received, organizational involvement, and service dates. 250 words or less. \*

Exemplar has taken part in research in both applied mathematics and experimental physics. During the summer and fall of 2021, Exemplar worked with faculty studying the connectivity and synchronization of complex quadratic nodes. This work utilized graph theory and linear algebraic concepts to examine the Mandelbrot contours of such nodes. In May of 2022, Exemplar traveled to the Biology and Applied Mathematics in Medicine conference in Richmond, Virginia to present this work in her talk "Universality and synchronization in complex quadratic nodes." Starting in the spring of 2022, Exemplar has been working with faculty examining the birefringent properties of calcite crystals using methods of polarimetry and optical tweezers. In October of 2022, Exemplar presented this work in a poster at the Frontiers in Optics + Laser Science conference in Rochester, NY. Since beginning at SUNY New Paltz, Exemplar has been a part of the Honors program, and is currently writing her honors thesis about her optical physics research. Also through the honors program, she had the opportunity to tutor astronomy to a fellow honors student. This experience inspired Exemplar to work as an astrophysics teaching assistant at a summer program for gifted students in the summer of 2022.

Attach a copy of the Student Resume \*

