

## THE MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

This is the highest honor the Mount bestows. The recipients must demonstrate superior academic performance; community service in keeping with the Christian mission of the University; and dynamic interpersonal communication skills in academic and community settings.

### THE AWARD IS PRESENTED TO TWO GRADUATING STUDENTS:

- one from among the baccalaureate students
- one from among the graduate degree students

**The two award recipients will have the honor of presenting the Student Address at their respective commencement ceremonies on May 8, 2021 tentative on venue due to COVID-19 pandemic.**

### AWARD CRITERIA

*To qualify, a student must:*

- Have made formal application for a degree.
- Complete a personal essay describing how he/she exemplifies the criteria of academic performance, community service, and interpersonal communication skills as outlined above.
- Provide confidential recommendations from a faculty member and a community resource person.
- Be willing to address his/her classmates, faculty, and guests at the commencement ceremony, tentative on venue due to COVID-19 pandemic.

#### ***In addition, a Bachelor's degree candidate must:***

- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.8 by the end of the fall term prior to graduation.
- Have completed a minimum of 45 semester hours at the Mount in courses in which a letter grade was earned by the end of the fall term prior to graduation (credits with a pass/fail grade and/or experiential learning credits are excluded).

#### ***In addition, a Graduate degree candidate must:***

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 by the end of the fall term prior to graduation.
- Be enrolled at the Mount for at least one course for credit during the term when he/she applies for graduation (December, May, or August).

**The Honors Selection Committee will evaluate your application based on:**

- Your personal essay.
- Confidential recommendations from a faculty member and a community resource person (using the Honors Recommendation Form located on myMount).
- Finalists will be required to participate in an interview prior to selection.

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**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS Monday, February 22, 2021.**