



Kay Wilson Leadership Award for Outstanding Chapter Presidents



Deadline » **April 1**
Prize » **\$500**

The winning Psi Chi president will receive \$500, travel expenses to attend the APA/Psi Chi Society Annual Convention to receive the award and to make a short presentation on factors contributing to outstanding leadership, an engraved plaque, and an invitation to serve on the Society Leadership Committee.

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PURPOSE

To award one chapter president who demonstrates excellence in leadership of the local chapter



ELIGIBILITY

1. The nominee must be a Psi Chi president in the current academic year or a Psi Chi president from the previous academic year.
2. The nominated president must have been active in providing leadership to the local chapter, resulting in a record of achievements demonstrating abilities to achieve management objectives through work with others (e.g., planning local chapter activities, participating in or planning research activities, or participating with the local chapter in attending regional, national, or international conferences). Demonstrated skills that will be most valued in evaluating nominations are:
 - specific work accomplishments,
 - setting and maintaining high standards of work performance,
 - abilities which promote group efforts, and
 - superior communication skills.



STYLE / STANDARDS

1. Nominations must be an electronic document written in English conforming strictly to the instructions in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)*.
2. The text of the nomination letter is limited to 1,000 words in 12-point font (double-spaced).
3. The nominee's two-part personal statement is limited to 1,000 words in 12-point font (double-spaced).



SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

1. Local chapter members nominate their Psi Chi chapter president by completing a submission form and a letter of nomination, limited to 1,000 words, including the following information:
 - the length and dates of service as chapter president and
 - a statement describing the nominee's leadership contributions to the local chapter while the nominee was chapter president.
2. The chapter should submit the nomination letter online at www.psichi.org under the AWARDS/GRANTS section. The link for submissions is available at least one month prior to the submission deadline.
3. Submissions from chapters are accepted online until midnight local time on April 1. Late submissions will not be accepted.
4. After being nominated by the local chapter, each nominee will be notified and given 30 days to complete a two-part personal statement.
 - a. The first part (limited to 500 words) should describe his or her role as chapter president, including what was learned about group leadership.
 - b. The second part (also limited to 500 words) should describe the nominee's future educational or career plans. The personal statement will be included in the material to be judged.
5. The nominee should submit these statements online at www.psichi.org under the AWARDS/GRANTS section. The link for submissions is available beginning April 2.
6. Submissions from the nominee are accepted online until midnight local time on April 30. Late submissions will not be accepted.

APPLY NOW



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SUBMISSION FORM

Download and complete the submission form below, save your information to the file, and upload with your proposal.

Name of chapter (school)	
Name of officer preparing nomination	
Officer's phone	Officer's email
Name of nominee	
Nominee's phone	Nominee's email
Name of faculty advisor	
Faculty advisor's phone	Faculty advisor's email

Previous Kay Wilson Leadership Award winner:

Elizabeth Fichtel | Xavier University (OH)

As I prepare to pass the presidential torch onto the newly elected president of Psi Chi, I cannot help but beam with pride at the wonderfully successful year we had. While there were many memorable events, perhaps the most memorable was the Psi Chi speaker series—Celebration of Women in Psychology. This incredible event was made possible by the generosity of the Women of Excellence at Xavier University. As recipients of a \$7,000 grant, the Celebration of Women in Psychology supported the mission of the Women of Excellence Giving Circle and Xavier University, by educating all students about issues that confront women and how psychological research can be applied to understanding and overcoming these real world challenges that are often minimized.

The Celebration of Women in Psychology offered seven events on psychological issues related to women—body image, self-esteem, issues relevant to minority women, and the development of women in the workplace—by inviting successful, renowned women in psychology to lecture on campus. Presenters included Dr. Nadine Kaslow of Emory University (GA), Dr. Ann Kearney-Cook of the Cincinnati Psychotherapy Institute (OH), and Dr. Robin Arthur of the Lindner Center of HOPE (OH). This coincided with the Women of Excellence Giving Circle's mission and Xavier's goal to educate and enrich the experiences of its students by exposing all students to particular women's issues that may not be covered as in depth in the classroom.

Prior to this event there was a definite need for increased awareness and focus on women's issues at Xavier University. Like academia in general, psychological work has been traditionally male dominated despite the fact that at the undergraduate level, the majors are predominantly women. Thus, it was extremely beneficial and motivational to sponsor successful female psychologists. The lectures were not only informative but the hope is that they inspired students and offered guidance to those students searching for more direction within the broad field of psychology. As the 2009-10 chapter president, I feel extremely honored to have spearheaded efforts that brought such wonderful events to our chapter and university. At first, I was a little hesitant to undertake such a huge responsibility; however I was pleasantly surprised to find how much it taught me about myself, fellow classmates, and the chapter executive committee. What began as a very diverse group of individuals comprising an executive board quickly became a cohesive group working together to bring an exceptional event to our fellow classmates and community. I consider myself to be a very independent and driven individual, yet each task we undertook as a committee forced me to utilize the support, skills, and talents of our team to achieve the greatest outcome. This is just one example of how my time as the president of Psi Chi has impacted me, as I am certain it will continue to do as I continue as a professional in the field of psychology.

Read about the author on p. 33 in the *Digital Eye* at the following link: <http://www.ourdigitalmags.com/publication/?i=49534&page=1>.