

**Nomination Guidelines
Bumpers
Scholars Awards**

The Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholars hereafter referred to as Bumpers Scholars, will be recognized in three categories: Undergraduate Transfer Student, Master of Science (M.S.) and Ph.D. graduate students. The goal of the Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholars program is to recognize outstanding students for academic achievements while attending the University of Arkansas. The deadline for nomination materials is February 1. *Only complete packets will be considered.* The Bumpers College Awards Committee will review and recommend recipients of Bumpers College awards and, when requested, to assist the leadership of the Bumpers College and the Division of Agriculture in the selection of recipients of Division awards and honors. Award recipients will be recognized at the Bumpers College Honors and Awards Banquet scheduled in April.

Undergraduate Transfer Student

Nominations will be solicited from the pool of undergraduate transfer students who have been enrolled full time (minimum 15 credit hours with minimum GPA of 3.25) one semester at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, have at least 30 hours remaining to complete degree requirements, and be seeking their first undergraduate degree in the Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. The awardee will receive the scholarship for the following academic year. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

University of Arkansas GPA	30 points
Transfer Institution GPA	25 points
Scholarly activities at previous institutions	20 points
Scholarly activities at the U of A	20 points
Service to the broader community	5 points
Total Available Points	100 points

The outstanding undergraduate transfer student awardee to the Bumpers College will be named at the Honors and Awards Banquet each spring. The student will be recognized with an engraved Bumpers medal and a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to begin in the fall semester following the announcement of the scholarship in the spring.

Nomination packets shall consist of one letter of support from the student's major advisor, no more than two letters of recommendation from faculty (one of which may be from a previous institution), and a one-page summary of accomplishments in the following order:

- Credit hours and grade point average at the University of Arkansas (minimum of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale)
- Credit hours and grade point average from all previous institutions (official transcripts required)
- Evidence of scholarly activities at previous institution(s)
- Evidence of scholarly activities at the University of Arkansas
- Evidence of service beyond the academic community
- One letter of support from the student's major advisor and up to two additional letters of recommendation
 - a) The letter of support should address academic ability, scholarly activities, participation in programs and activities, and potential for continued success.

M.S. and Ph.D. Graduate Students

The outstanding M.S. and Ph.D. graduate student nominations from each department will be submitted by February 1 to the Dean's office for consideration of these two awards. The M.S. student awardee will receive a Bumpers medal with a **\$500** cash award and the Ph.D. student awardee will receive a Bumpers medal with a **\$1,000** cash award to be applied to graduate studies and/or the enhancement of professional development as approved by the Department Head and the Dean of Bumpers College. Awardees may receive their cash award as soon as their proposed professional development activity is approved.

Each nomination packet shall include in the following order:

- 1) a one-page executive summary that includes evidence of scholarly activities, significance and impact of research and/or teaching, leadership and service at the University of Arkansas during the degree program, and service or activities beyond the academic community. The summary is to include relevant accomplishments addressing pertinent areas of the award. A bulleted summary is acceptable.
- 2) a resume that clearly states the student's GPA and includes the same subheadings used in the executive summary. The resume should only include activities and accomplishments that were achieved during the enrollment period for the degree for which this award is being sought (i.e. no undergraduate activities/accomplishments; no M.S. activities/accomplishments for Ph.D. candidates). Nominees are expected to have a strong record of academic achievement (3.5 GPA) and to have demonstrated scholarly activities. Nominees must be enrolled in their program at least through the end of the spring semester during which the nomination is being considered. The nomination packet should be 10 pages maximum, not including the one-page summary. Nominations to be in Times New Roman type, 12-point font with one-inch margins, and single spaced.

Please note: Letters of Recommendation are not required for M.S. and Ph.D. nomination packets.

The nomination packet will be judged on the following criteria:

M.S.

GPA	25 points
Significance and impact of research and/or teaching	25 points
Publications	15 points
Oral Presentations/Posters	15 points
Academic Awards/Honors	5 points
Service Related to Academic Discipline	10 points
Service beyond the University community	5 points
Total Available Points	100 points

Ph.D.

GPA	25 points
Refereed Articles	20 points
Classroom/Lab Teaching	20 points
Conference Papers/Presentations/Posters	15 points
Academic Awards/Honors	10 points
Service/Outreach Related to Discipline	10 points
Total Available Points	100 points

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