

Nominations are being sought for the

2009 Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize

The Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize seeks to identify the most outstanding graduating senior, based on the criteria below, and to grant her or him an award to be used "for their future growth and development, travel, graduate study, or meditation," to quote one of the Prize founders, Gerald Faverman. In 2009, the Prize will be at least \$2,000.

Selection Criteria

1. The award recipient must be a Michigan State University senior, majoring in any discipline, who is expected to graduate during 2009 (Spring, Summer, or Fall).
2. The award recipient will exhibit an open, curious, creative approach to education and ideas, and intellectual ingenuity will be evident. More weight will be given to intellectual curiosity and innovation than to grades attained, although a cumulative GPA above 3.0 is preferred.
3. The award recipient will have demonstrated exceptional character and leadership in furthering his/her own progress and in enriching the lives of others, especially in intellectual and international dimensions. They will have utilized innovative approaches in these efforts. A commitment to community service and to lifelong learning should be evident.

Nomination Procedure

There is no nomination or application form. Each nomination packet should include at a minimum:

- one letter of nomination from a Michigan State University faculty member and, although not required, up to two additional letters in support of the nomination from Michigan State University faculty members.
- an essay or letter of not more than 1,000 words written by the student. The student's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address should be included on the student's submission.

The nomination letter, letters in support of nomination, the student essay or letter, and any additional supporting materials all should address the ways in which the student exemplifies the award criteria. Specific examples of activities and achievements are especially helpful to the selection committee.

Nomination packets, including the student's essay, should be submitted by the faculty nominator to the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, 312 Hannah Administration Building by **January 30, 2009**.

Finalists—selected by a committee designated by the Board of Directors of the Featherstone Society in conjunction with the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education—will be notified by February 27, 2009, and finalists' interviews will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009. The award recipient will be notified by April 10, 2009. A luncheon for the nominees and nominators will be held on April 29, 2009 and the Featherstone Prize will be presented to the recipient at the appropriate commencement ceremony.

For further information, contact the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at (517) 353-5380 (e-mail: swalther@msu.edu) or the Featherstone Society representative, Dr. Barbara O'Kelly, at (517) 353-5985 (e-mail: okelly@msu.edu).