

Student Leadership Awards

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Graduate Student Award Descriptions

Archbishop Oscar Romero Award

Recognized for his ability to become a voice for the voiceless as the Archbishop of San Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award is presented to an undergraduate or graduate student who strives to alleviate poverty and oppression.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Individual embodies the University's motto of "Change the world from here."
- Individual is actively involved in social analysis and promotion of justice, and strives towards social change to alleviate poverty and oppression.
- Individual sees value in gaining experience as a leader.
- Individual has influenced change while at USF.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including the current semester.

Hilary Williams Ford Award

Recognized for her contributions and commitment to her field and the University of San Francisco, the Hilary Williams Ford Award is presented to a graduating graduate student who values social responsibility by applying gained knowledge to their field of study.

Eligibility:

- Graduate student with a GPA 3.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Individual has influenced change while at USF.
- Individual embodies the University's value of social responsibility by applying gained knowledge to their respective field of study.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including the current semester.

Graduate Student Leadership Award

This award will be given on behalf of the Graduate Student Senate to a maximum of five graduating graduate students who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and impacting student life and the values of Student Life throughout their career at USF.

Each award recipient will receive a cash purse of \$1,000 through the Graduate Student Senate scholarship fund.

Eligibility:

- Graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Individual has contributed to making a positive impact on the campus climate and has demonstrated committed involvement in clubs, organizations, programs, or other areas of campus involvement.
- Individual acts as an inspiration to others, modeling the way for a more just and humane world and is committed to working with and for others.
- Participation was above and beyond the general requirements given by academic or co-curricular programs.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including the current semester.

President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (PACSW)

Gender Justice Award

This award may be granted to USF students who have demonstrated ongoing and creative commitment to the promotion of gender justice.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.

Undergraduate Student Award Descriptions

Excellence in Leadership & Service Awards

Selection for the Excellence in Leadership and Service Awards will be based upon academic achievement and overall leadership and service within the University of San Francisco community demonstrating work in the following areas:

- Ethic of Care: promotion of physical and mental wellness by implementing fitness or wellness opportunities and created efforts in the coordination of a single event or ongoing activity that directly relates to a topic of personal responsibility, community expectations, or social responsibility.
- Social Justice: commitment to justice on campus or in the larger community by promoting a culture of respect, access, and inclusion that embraces differences and engages with partners or communities off-campus to promote justice.
- Social Change: demonstrates commitment to positive social change by raising awareness on campus through programming, events, or a specific student organization.
- Community Development: demonstrates a focus on the effort to create an improved sense of community at the University by promoting the ideals of community, service, academics, social justice, multiculturalism and diversity that make them an asset to the entire University community.

Eligibility:

- Must be of sophomore or junior class standing.
- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Individual has contributed to making a positive impact on the campus climate and has demonstrated committed involvement in clubs, organizations, programs, or other areas of campus involvement.
- Individual acts as an inspiration to others, modeling the way for a more just and humane world and committed to working with and for others.
- Participation was above and beyond the general requirements given by academic or co-curricular programs.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including the current semester.

President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (PACSW)

Gender Justice Award

This award may be granted to USF students who have demonstrated ongoing and creative commitment to the promotion of gender justice.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.

Emerging Leadership Award

The Emerging Leadership Award is presented to a first-year student that has been involved on campus or the broader community and has shown an immediate impact as a leader at USF. Individuals nominated for this award strive toward continued involvement throughout their USF career.

Eligibility:

- Must be a first-year (first-time) student in the 2023-2024 Academic Year (AY).
- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Individual has made a significant contribution to USF by involvement in a particular department or organization on or off-campus during the AY.
- Individual strives to be a leader for the campus community and demonstrates school spirit.
- Has built relationships and gained respect from students, faculty and staff.
- Has the ability to work with and lead peers and also demonstrates potential for future leadership.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters
- including the current semester.

James F. Kenney Memorial Award

This award recognizes Jim Kenney, a student at USF in the 1950s who was born with a severe physical disability and whose joy of life and daily courage, in spite of this disability, won him the admiration and respect of all who knew him. The James F. Kenney Memorial Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has overcome difficult circumstances in their lives with grace, courage, and strength and inspires others by his or her example.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding and only USF course work.
- Individual exemplifies courage in the face of difficult personal circumstances and inspires others by their example. Difficult circumstances may include an illness or physical disability, financial hardship or a family tragedy.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including the current semester.

Rising Seniors Awards:

Awarded by the Office of the President, the Spirit of St. Francis and Pedro Arrupe awards are each awarded to a student leader who is a rising Senior (graduating December 2024 or May 2025) who embodies the University of San Francisco's mission of social justice and service to the poor.

Spirit of St. Francis Award

The Spirit of St. Francis Award is given to a student who embodies the ideals of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis, after whom the city of San Francisco is named, has long been honored by peoples of many religious traditions for his humble and loving service to all whom he encountered. The recipient of this award is recognized by the university community for outstanding service, especially to the poor and disenfranchised of San Francisco and beyond.

Eligibility:

- Graduating Senior in Fall semester 2024 or Spring semester 2025
- The nominee takes leadership of USF-sponsored service projects
- The nominee goes beyond the USF campus to make a difference in the San Francisco/Bay area, nationally, or internationally
- The nominee promotes a spirit of inviting other students into service
- The nominee participates in activities apart from those that already receive academic credit or salary
- GPA of 3.0 or better

Pedro Arrupe Award

The Pedro Arrupe Award is given to a rising senior who embodies the ideals of Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit education. Named in honor of the 28th superior general of the Society of Jesus, this award honors a student whose commitment gives evidence of a living faith that seeks to find God in every event and person. The promotion of justice and the desire to seek the greatest good, constitutive elements of Jesuit tradition, have marked the choices and activities of the recipient. The recipient exemplifies a student who is committed to promoting justice by working to transform social structures in order to alleviate poverty and oppression.

Eligibility:

- Graduating Senior in Fall semester 2024 or Spring semester 2025
- The nominee embodies the USF mission of "Change the World from Here" In academic, spiritual, and co-curricular activities.
- The nominee is influencing or has influenced change here at USF particularly in the area of social justice.
- The nominee is actively involved in community-based programs devoted to transforming social structures in the larger San Francisco/Bay area community.
- The nominee participates in activities apart from those that already receive academic credit or salary
- GPA of 3.0 or better

Graduating Senior Awards:

Archbishop Oscar Romero Award

Recognized for his ability to become a voice for the voiceless as the Archbishop of San Salvador, the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award is presented to an undergraduate or graduate student who strives to alleviate poverty and oppression.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate or graduate student with a minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Individual embodies the University's motto of "Change the world from here."
- Individual is actively involved in social analysis and promotion of justice, and strives towards social change to alleviate poverty and oppression.
- Individual sees value in gaining experience as a leader.
- Individual has influenced change while at USF.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including the current semester.

Father John P. Schlegel, S.J., Award

Recognized for his work in creating an inclusive community, the Father John P. Schlegel Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has embraced the diversity and social justice objectives of the University's mission.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate student with minimum GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Has been involved as a leader in diversity and social justice experiences both on and off campus.
- Individual has helped to create an inclusive community at USF.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including the current semester.

Priscilla A. Scotlan Award

Recognized for her unselfish dedication and service to the University of San Francisco, the Priscilla A. Scotlan Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has been a role model for the University community.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate student with a GPA 3.0 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Individual has served as a role model for the university community by promoting service and respecting the dignity of others.
- Individual has been involved in various aspect of USF life and has promoted and encouraged participation in other students.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last four semesters including the current semester.

Leo T. McCarthy Public Service Award

This award is presented to the graduating senior who, during their career at USF, worked to promote social justice through public service to create a more humane and just world. The award was established in honor of Leo T. McCarthy, recognized for his work for San Francisco and the State of California as a County Supervisor, Speaker of the Assembly, and as a three-term Lieutenant Governor who dedicated himself to those marginalized by the political process, (particularly the poor, the elderly, and farm workers). The award is accompanied by a purse of \$1,000.

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Exhibit their dedication to ethical public service by working/interning/volunteering extensively for non-profit and/or government entities while attending USF.
- Must have worked for or completed a program with the Leo T. McCarthy Center at USF.
- Demonstrate their commitment to social justice issues for marginalized communities throughout San Francisco, the United States and/or abroad.
- Be able to articulate a connection between their service experiences and the mission of USF.
- Perform well in the classroom and maintain good academic standing with the University.

Senior Leadership Award

This award will be given to a maximum of three graduating seniors who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and impacting student life and is committed to the values of Student Life throughout their career at USF.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate student with a minimum GPA 2.5 without the benefit of rounding.
- Must be a graduating student in Fall 2023 or Spring/Summer 2024.
- Individual has contributed to making a positive impact on the campus climate and has demonstrated committed involvement in clubs, organizations, programs, or other area of campus involvement.
- Individual acts as an inspiration to others, modeling the way for a more just and humane world and is committed to working with and for others.
- Participation was above & beyond the general requirements given by academic or co-curricular programs.
- Must not be on academic or non-academic probation for the last two semesters including the current semester