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Dr. Thomas Gaither Award for Excellence and Leadership STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

The Frederick Douglass Institute invites applications for the Dr. Thomas Gaither Award for Excellence and Leadership. This award is in recognition of the principles exemplified by Civil Rights Leader Dr. Thomas Gaither, the legacy of Frederick Douglass and the promise of student activism.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. The Dr. Thomas Gaither Award for Excellence will be awarded to a Slippery Rock student in honor of Dr. Thomas Gaither for his work in the Civil Rights Movement with the Friendship Nine, ensuring that Dr. Gaither's legacy lives on through students.
2. The Dr. Thomas Gaither Award recipient will be recognized at the annual SRU Academic Honors and Student Leadership Convocation.
3. The Dr. Thomas Gaither Award recipient is expected to participate in FDI activities and serve as an FDI student ambassador during the academic year.
4. Students will self-nominate and identify a faculty or staff sponsor. The faculty or staff sponsor will write a support letter for the student to include in their application.
5. To be considered for the award, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.75. They must be enrolled in a full-time academic program at SRU, and in good academic standing. Graduate Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits, and undergraduate 12 credits. Students must complete the application form and meet the criteria indicated on the form.

Award Amount: \$500 award to be used towards text books, tuition, funding research projects, or travel to academic conferences and professional workshops.

Your complete Application must include:

1. The completed Student Application form
2. A 200-word biography
3. Resume
4. A 500-word essay on Civil Rights, Leadership and the Promise of Student Activism
5. Current DARS report
6. Support letter from faculty or staff member.

Your application can be sent to Ursula Payne's email address: ursula.payne@sru.edu. Please indicate Dr. Thomas Gaither Award in the subject Line of your email by Wednesday **April 15, 2020**.

Dr. Thomas Gaither Award for Excellence and Leadership Student Application Form

PERSONAL

Name of Student

Name of Faculty Sponsor

Office/Title:

Student phone number:

Email/phone:

Student email:

EDUCATION

Student ID#	Major/Course of Study	Overall GPA	Clubs/Organizations	Classification	Anticipated Graduation Date
				<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Grad Student	

Please describe involvement with diversity and inclusion:

Please list additional information you would like us to consider (exclude any that would indicate sex, race, religion, national origin, age, color, disability or other protected status). Please let us know if you have a financial hardship (explain):

SIGNATURE

Faculty/Staff Sponsor Signature

Date

Student Applicant Signature

Date