



## 2024 ALLIANT ENERGY/ERROLL B. DAVIS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GUIDELINES

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**DEADLINE: April 5, 2024**

### **PURPOSE**

The *Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award* was created to honor the outstanding scholarship and community service of undergraduate students from one of the following underrepresented groups: African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Southeast Asian, or from a racial or ethnic group traditionally underrepresented in the fields of engineering or business pursuing a degree in Engineering or Business Administration at UW-Madison or UW-Platteville.

### **AWARDS**

The Alliant Energy Foundation, Inc. and Universities of Wisconsin will bestow five awards in the amount of \$5,000 each to students selected by UW-Madison and UW-Platteville. UW-Madison may select one recipient who is majoring in Business Administration and one recipient who is majoring in Engineering. UW-Platteville may select one recipient who is majoring in Business Administration and one recipient who is majoring Engineering.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

We anticipate the awards will be presented at a special ceremony on October 24, 2024, at The Pyle Center on the UW-Madison campus from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., following UW-Madison's health guidelines in place at the time of the ceremony. Representatives from Alliant Energy may participate in the ceremony. At the award ceremony, an official *Alliant Energy/Erroll B. Davis Achievement Award* will be presented. Recipients may invite guests to join them at the ceremony.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for this award, the student must:

- Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student majoring in Business Administration or Engineering at UW-Madison or UW-Platteville.
- Receive a Business Administration or Engineering degree Fall semester 2024 or Spring semester 2025. Students who graduate in Spring 2024 do not qualify for this award cycle.
- Be a member of the following underrepresented groups: African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Southeast Asian, or a racial or ethnic group traditionally underrepresented in the fields of Engineering or Business Administration.
- A citizen of the United States or a permanent resident.
- Be recommended for the award by a university Selection Committee comprised of faculty, alumni, students, and university/college administrators who will screen nominations and choose the award recipients.

To receive this achievement award, recipients must present proof of graduation in their respective major (Business Administration or Engineering) no later than May 31, 2025.

## **UNIVERSITY SELECTION PROCEDURES**

A university Selection Committee comprised of faculty, alumni, students, and university/college administrators will screen nominations and choose the award recipients. It is recommended that deans, associate deans, and assistant deans for Business Administration and Engineering work in partnership with faculty, alumni, students, and the Multicultural/Disadvantaged Coordinators to select the recipients to represent their university.

## **REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS**

1. Student's resume (2-page limit).
2. Student's statement (3-page limit) outlining the following.
  - a. Career aspirations and explanation of how those aspirations have evolved over time.
  - b. Explanation of how their current studies and involvement in campus and community activities have prepared the student to achieve those aspirations.
  - c. Description of exemplary leadership and service, including the nature, extent (timeframe, frequency, role, etc.), and impacts of such participation; and of any extenuating circumstances that might have impacted the student's academic life (e.g., family or financial responsibilities, unique challenges or difficulties faced, obstacles overcome).

3. The nominee’s transcript.
4. A list of the nominee’s other successes and accomplishments (2-page limit).
5. Two-to-three letters of support (2-page limit each) from students, academic staff, or faculty members qualified to comment upon the nominee’s academic achievement and leadership capabilities. At least one letter must be from a faculty or academic staff member.

**Nomination materials are subject to release under Wisconsin Open Records laws and should be written with the possibility of those materials being made publicly available.**

**RECIPIENT SUBMISSION INFORMATION AND DEADLINE**

Submit all recipient materials electronically, as a single PDF, no later than April 5, 2024, via [2024 Alliant Energy Erroll B. Davis Award](#).

The persons designated to submit the recipients are:

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