

2026 Graduate Education Week Student Awards

Graduate Service Excellence Nomination Form

(Faculty/department may nominate more than one student and students may self-nominate)

Student's name _____

Nominator _____ Nominator email _____

Nominator's signature _____

Semester(s) in which service occurred: _____

AWARD CRITERIA

- Should demonstrate innovation, creativity or a new kind of engagement
- Should be for "promoting the public good," in service internal or external to the university
- If service is internal to university, it must be separate and distinctly different from paid engagements in department or academic program
- If student is also an employee of VT, service must have been performed in primary role as a student
- Service should have during calendar year 2025, while nominee was in student status

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS/CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed nomination form
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation, 2 pages maximum each, that address significance of the impact of service(s) performed:
 - One from a supervisor of the services performed, if applicable; otherwise from a beneficiary of the service
 - One from anyone in the community who has observed the performance of the service
- ☐ One letter from the nominee describing the service, including the time and/or level of commitment required to complete service project(s) – maximum two pages

To nominate a student, compile signed nomination form and all supporting documents on the checklist (in the above order) in a single PDF file. Upload this package through the following form:

<https://viriniatech.questionpro.com/student26>

Deadline: January 23, 2026

For more information or assistance, contact the Graduate School at 540-231-2227 or email grads@vt.edu
(type GEW Awards in the subject line.)

A Graduate School committee will select the winner. An honorarium of \$1000 will be disbursed to the student's account and the Graduate School will recognize all winners during

Graduate Education Week, March 23-27, 2026.

The Graduate School will send an announcement about the winner to VT News and various VT social media.