

## Lincoln University Blues and Golds Awards Standards

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The Lincoln University Blues and Golds Committee will review these standards annually. The Committee reserves the right to alter regulations each year to meet the needs of the university and its students.

All information provided to the university through online nomination form will be accessible to and reviewed by members of the relevant selection panel.

### Definitions

- Nominator is the person who suggests that a student should be considered to receive an award.
- Nominee is the student who has been suggested to receive the award.

NB. Students are eligible to nominate themselves which means they play the role of nominator and nominee.

### Nominators

Nominators must be a current member of Lincoln University staff, a current registered Lincoln University student; or a Lincoln University student's coach, sports administrator, mentor, colleague or superior. Self-nominations are accepted. Nominators are permitted to complete multiple nominations.

### Nominee eligibility

All nominees must be a current registered Lincoln University student at the time of nomination. Nominees will be assessed on individual merit. Nominees are permitted to receive more than one award if judged acceptable by the relevant selection panel. Nominees who have received a Blues or Golds Award in a previous year will be expected to demonstrate significant progression or additional achievements to that which made them eligible to receive the previous award.

**Blues** are awarded for athletic and sporting excellence.

**Golds** are awarded for cultural and service excellence.

### Blues Awards criteria

Nominees will have over the last 12 months (Sept - Aug):

1. Played for or represented a New Zealand team.
2. Played for or represented a New Zealand age-group team.
3. Played for or represented a Canterbury or Canterbury-franchised team.
4. Played for or represented a New Zealand Universities team.
5. Achieved other exceptional selection or results status (including New Zealand and regional development squads, top 10 placing in New Zealand open events or top three in age-group events, international representation for countries other than New Zealand).

*Blues* are awarded on the above criteria, depending on the profile of the sport the nomination is for, e.g. rugby is a widely played sport and therefore it is harder to make national representative sides, while boxing is a much smaller sport in New Zealand, so it may be comparatively easier to become a regional representative, and Blues Awards would go then to boxers who are New Zealand representatives.

Meeting the above criteria does not automatically assign nominees to an award. All nominees will be assessed on individual merit and award recipients will be decided by the Blues Awards Selection Panel. Their decision is final.

**The Blues Awards Selection Panel is made of:**

- Recreation Centre and Sports Scholarship Manager (Chair)
- 1 x University Senior Manager
- 2 x Sports and Recreation programme academics

### **Golds Awards Criteria**

There are two categories in the Golds Awards, one to recognise excellence in expressive arts and the other recognising significant contributions to society. Nominees can be nominated for one or both categories.

#### **Cultural Excellence**

*Golds* for Cultural Excellence will be awarded to students who can demonstrate significant contributions towards expressive or artistic fields within the 12 months previous to nominations closing.

Nominees will have over the last 12 months (Sept - Aug) achieved exceptional results or performance standards including (but not limited to) the following fields: music, art, theatre, dance and literature and must provide evidence of these achievements.

#### **Service Excellence**

*Golds* in the Service Excellence category will be awarded to students who can demonstrate significant contributions towards volunteer social pursuits within the 12 months previous to nominations closing.

Nominees will have over the last 12 months (Sept - Aug) provided exceptional service to a community and be able to provide evidence to which community group they provided service, the role they played and the resulting positive impact of their involvement.

Cultural or service contributions at a Lincoln University, regional, national or international level will be given equal merit. Judges will be considering the level of positive impact each cultural or service contribution has had on the relevant communities and society in general.

#### **Lincoln University student roles and contributions**

Lincoln University class representatives, student executives, club leaders and scholars are eligible to be nominated for Golds Awards; however, the selection panel will be looking for considerable evidence that the student has performed exceptional duties above and beyond the general standards expected of a student in that role. A nominee's contribution/project/initiative must not have been funded in its entirety by the LU Students' Association, Lincoln University or an employer.

Meeting the above criteria does not automatically assign nominees to an award. All nominees will be assessed on individual merit and award recipients will be decided by the Golds Awards Selection Panel. Their decision is final.

#### **Golds Awards Selection Panel is made of:**

- Future Leader Coordinator (Chair)
- 1 x University Senior Manager
- 1 x Senior Academic
- Lincoln University Students' Association (LUSA) Student President

Questions about the standards and criteria for nominations can be directed to [events@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:events@lincoln.ac.nz)