

## **UPEI SU PLEASSED TO SEE NEW AWARDS PROGRAM AT UPEI**

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The UPEI Student Union is excited to see the launch of the Diamond Awards, a new awards program that introduces up to \$10,000 a year in new scholarship & award funding for UPEI students. The Diamond Awards recognizes students based on their extracurricular achievement on campus and in the external community. The awards program encompasses four categories: Sustainability Leadership, Educational Leadership, Health & Wellness Leadership, and Campus Spirit. Up to five awards are available in each category, and are valued at \$500 each.

"We are very excited about the launch of this awards program," said Nathan Hood, UPEI SU Vice President Student Life. "Our students make considerable contributions to our campus and our community, and it is our hope that this awards program will further recognize the positive impacts of our students."

Last summer, the UPEI SU proposed the Diamond Awards to the UPEI administration, who were keen to develop the awards program alongside the Vice President Student Life. With the awards criteria based on extracurricular achievement, the UPEI SU believes this awards program will recognize students who are not necessarily recognized for purely academic reasons.

"We are very happy the awards program recognizes students beyond their academic achievement," added Hood. "Students' impacts and contributions often stretch far beyond the classroom."

The deadline for 2016 applications is February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Additional information can be found at <http://www.upei.ca/studentlife/scholarshipsandawards/907>.

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