

## **Information and Application for the James L. McDowell Memorial Award**

The Political Science Department will be awarding the Inaugural James L. McDowell Memorial Award in May 2009. This award will be given annually to a sophomore or junior Political Science or Legal Studies major who is active in campus, local, or state politics in Indiana or Illinois, and who will return to ISU in the following year and continue these activities, thus carrying on the interests of Dr. McDowell. This award is named in memory of Dr. James L. McDowell, a member of the Political Science faculty for over forty years and an expert on state and local politics. The recipient will receive a modest fee waiver from the Department for the fall semester.

### **Criteria for the Award:**

- 1) The student applicant is a sophomore or junior during the current semester.
- 2) The student applicant should be active in campus, local, or state politics in Indiana or Illinois.
- 3) The student applicant must be a Political Science or Legal Studies major.
- 4) The student applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **Application Process:**

Students wishing to apply for the McDowell Memorial Award must submit their application materials to the Political Science Department by **April 17, 2009**. The recipient will be announced at the Political Science Honors Day ceremony on May 7.

Application materials include the following:

- 1) A signed application form.
- 2) A 1-3 page statement by the applicant explaining:
  - a) Why s/he is applying for the McDowell Memorial Award
  - b) What political activities s/he have already engaged in at the campus, local, or state (Indiana or Illinois) level
  - c) What political activities s/he will engage in during the following year at the campus, local, or state level
- 3) Two letters of recommendation supporting the student's application. One letter should be from a Political Science faculty member, and one should be from someone who can comment on the applicant's relevant political activities. The letters should be sent to:

Dr. Mike Chambers, Chair  
Political Science Dept.  
302 Holmstedt Hall  
Indiana State University  
Terre Haute, IN 47809

**Application Form for the James L. McDowell Memorial Award**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ID#:** 991- \_\_\_\_\_

**Major(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minor(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA in Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names and Positions of 2 Recommenders:**

**1) Poli Sci Faculty Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Commentator on Political Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement:**

Please attach a brief (1-3 pages) statement that explains:

- 1) Why you are applying for the McDowell Memorial Award.
- 2) What political activities you have already engaged in at the campus, local, or state (Indiana or Illinois) level.
- 3) What political activities you will engage in during the following year at the campus, local, or state level, and thereby carry on the legacy of Dr. McDowell.

**Signature of Applicant**

By signing below, the applicant affirms that s/he meets the criteria for the McDowell Memorial Award, and that s/he will return to ISU in the fall and will remain a Political Science or Legal Studies major.

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Name of Applicant

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Date