Student Activities Awards 2024/25



SOCIETY OF THE YEAR 2024/25

**Name of Society ………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Name & Executive Position of Applicant ……………………………………………………………………**

The **Society of the Year** award recognizes a society that goes above and beyond in its development, member experience, and impact.

### **How to Apply:**

* Clearly explain how your society meets the award criteria.
* Provide concise and verifiable evidence (examples, documents, data, etc.). You may attach additional sheets or submit a portfolio if needed.
* Stick to the word limits (500 words per section) - extra content beyond the limit will not be considered. Bullet points are recommended.

**Deadline:** **31st March at 10:00 AM**
**Eligibility:** Activities from Summer Term 2024 – Spring Term 2025 will be considered.

Please email this application to susocs@essex.ac.uk with the subject title ***“\*Society Name\* Application for Society of the Year Award – Student Activities Awards 2024/25”***

### **Application Sections (Max 500 words per section):**

1. **Structure & Organisation**
	1. How is your society structured?
	2. What leadership roles and systems ensure smooth operation and sustainability?
2. **High-Quality Membership**
	1. How do you engage, support, and invest in members?
	2. Include details on events, social opportunities, and funding.
3. **Inclusivity**
	1. What steps has your society taken to ensure activities are accessible and inclusive?
4. **Communication**
	1. How does your society communicate with members, non-members, and SU staff?
	2. How have these methods contributed to your success?
5. **Collaborations**
	1. What events or activities have you organized with other SU societies, clubs, or university groups?
	2. Have you supported SU or university campaigns?
6. **External Involvement**
	1. How has your society engaged with the local community or external groups?
7. **Development**
	1. How has your society grown or improved? (e.g., membership, branding, new initiatives)
	2. What challenges did you face, and how did you overcome them?

### **Reminder:**

The panel will look for **clear evidence** that your society has significantly exceeded expectations in all areas.

Review your application carefully to ensure all necessary information and evidence are included, as no changes can be made after the deadline. If you submit pictures and consent to their use at the Societies Awards, please tick the box. ☐

***Applicant’s Signature ………………………….…. Date ………………………..***

***President’s Signature ……………………………… Date ………………………...***

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