

OPAL MANN GREEN ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

History

The Opal Mann Green Engagement and Scholarship Award was established in 2010 to recognize and memorialize Dr. Opal Mann Green's distinguished leadership and dedication to the values of:

- Using democracy in the classroom, in the community, and at home,
- Creating inclusionary teams, and
- Community-based learning and mutually-beneficial action around local issues valued by community members.

She exhibited these values throughout her career, family life, and community volunteer life. Dr. Opal Hurley Mann Green, former faculty member and leader at the county, state, and national level within Cooperative Extension, led an illustrious professional career spanning from 1943 to 1982, and then served as a community leader until 2009. Her life-long teaching, leadership, and positive modeling to others was congruent with John Dewey's ideas of democracy in education, and in the community.

Purpose

This annual recognition is awarded to a team (or teams) of individuals whose significant contributions and accomplishments have demonstrated excellence as engaged scholars who practice collaborative democratic strategies reflected in the [Kellogg Commission Seven Part Test](#). The seven characteristics include responsiveness, respect for partners, academic neutrality, accessibility, integration, coordination, and resource partnerships. The recognition rewards authentic teamwork across the organizational structures within the university and community. It reflects programs that have been valued by the community and mutually beneficial to partners.

Eligibility

Eligible teams can include community partners, staff, volunteers, and faculty of NC State University colleges and its extension, engagement, and economic development units. The qualifying characteristics to be considered in the nomination process are listed below.

Qualifying Characteristics

The characteristics listed below should be woven into a **continuous narrative that describes the success of the engagement program**. Tell the story of your engagement program's success keeping these characteristics in mind.

- ✓ **Engagement.** Describe how the team of primary leaders implemented the [Kellogg Commission Engagement Seven Part Test](#) in planning, implementation, and continuous improvement of the program.
- ✓ **Empowerment and Teamwork.** Describe how you implemented (democratic) strategies that empowered team members, created inclusion, recognized contributions of partners, and negotiated democratically to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. Describe how resource partnerships developed to support program sustainability and effectively address the issue or problem until resolved.
- ✓ **Outcomes and Impact.** Describe accomplishments that were beneficial, valued by the community, and that informed engagement academically (scholarly articles, presentations, and poster sessions).

Submission Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria

The narrative for the award application should illustrate with documentation that the team of primary leaders for the project model the Kellogg Commission Seven Part Test of Engagement in planning, implementation, and continuous improvement. These guiding characteristics include:

- Responsiveness
- Respect for Partners
- Academic neutrality
- Accessibility
- Integration
- Coordination
- Resource partnerships

Submissions: Submission may be made by those who observed the program or by the team who implemented the program. All documentation must be double-spaced, in 12-point font.

The application packet should follow the following outline:

Cover Page (1 page): Identify the project title, name of the principal contact person, address, phone number, email address, dates of the project, and listing the project partner units or entities.

Abstract (1 page): Summarize the program, partners, duration, and the significance to the university and the community. It should be a concise description that can be used on the award website, and in the awards program.

Narrative (up to 6 pages): Tell the story of your project and include the details of the people, partner entities, project duration, partnership relationships, and impacts and significance. Use the characteristics above as a guide.

Appendix (up to 4 pages): This should include a summary listing of documentation to outline the impact of the project. This could include summaries of evaluations, news releases, citations of publications, and website addresses. A letter of endorsement from a community partner or consortium of partners must be included.

Application Submission

The completed application in Word (.doc or .docx) must be emailed by Tuesday, March 1, 2022 to Kirsten Chang, Outreach & Engagement Communications Specialist, at klchang@ncsu.edu.

Awards

Award winners will be notified by late March and will be recognized at the O&E Awards Ceremony and Reception in April 2022 either in-person at the Hunt Library or during a virtual event. A plaque with the names of the team members will be presented to each winning team to be displayed in a prominent community or neighborhood location. In addition, the team members will each receive an individual award plaque. The number of winners will be determined by the review committee.