

# Barbara Jordan Student Leadership Award

2024 Application  
McCombs School of Business  
The University of Texas at Austin

## About the Award

The Barbara Jordan Senior Legacy Award seeks to identify two outstanding Seniors who display leadership and have been vital in leaving a legacy at the McCombs School of Business. Barbara Jordan, the award's namesake, was the first woman from the Deep South to be elected to the U.S. Congress. During her time in Congress, Jordan is best known for her strong commitment to her local constituents as well as her compelling defense of the Constitution in her opening remarks of the Nixon impeachment hearings. The award honors students who have shown similar perseverance in their own leadership. A committee of students evaluates all applicants on the impact they have made as student leaders, mentors, and pursuit of their unique goals.

*This award is not only meant to reward current achievements, but also to motivate its recipients to continue growing their legacy in the future.*

## Application Process

1. Applicants must fill out their basic information and answer all three essay questions. Essay responses are limited to **two pages total** (in other words, all of your responses together must fit on 2 pages), single-spaced, 12-pt. font, Times New Roman.
2. Applicants must email their current resume and this application to [bjgmawards2024@gmail.com](mailto:bjgmawards2024@gmail.com) by **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59pm.**
3. Interview dates are **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Selected applicants will receive notifications via email by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any scheduling conflicts, please let us know and we will make any necessary accommodations. Final decisions will be released on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. All winners must be able to attend the Honors Convocation on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** All applicants should keep these dates and times in mind.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the chair of the BJGM Awards Committee, Zara Khan, at [bjgmawards2024@gmail.com](mailto:bjgmawards2024@gmail.com). The committee looks forward to reviewing all applications!

**Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the Barbara Jordan Senior Legacy Award?**  
**Choose all that apply.**

Flyers/Posters Facebook or Instagram MSO Meeting Email Word of Mouth Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Resume**

Applicants must email a one-page resume in addition to this application to [bjgmawards2024@gmail.com](mailto:bjgmawards2024@gmail.com)

**Ethical Statement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that my records will be reviewed for scholastic dishonesty and other disciplinary action at the University. I understand that violations are taken into account by the BJGM Awards Committee as part of the application process and may exclude me from the awards depending on the nature and severity of the offense(s).

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Signature (please type)

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Date

## **Essay Questions**

Applicants should limit their total response to two pages, single-spaced, 12-pt. Times New Roman font.

1. Please describe a leadership role you held during your time at McCombs and how you were intentional about developing/mentoring others.
2. Barbara Jordan's powerful stances on controversial issues during tough times exemplify her persistent moral integrity and self-assured character. Describe a time when you tackled a challenge, and supported your peers/ community in the face of adversity. What did you learn from that experience and how did it shape your perspective on facing hardships when it is most needed by those you lead?
3. During Barbara Jordan's race for the Texas congressional seat in 1971, she famously said, "I'll only be one of 435. But the 434 will know I'm there." During your time at McCombs, in what ways have you shown a significant presence in a space among your peers? What is the legacy you are leaving behind, provide supportive evidence of why you believe this is how you will be remembered.