

UNLV PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

UNLV Psychology is pleased to announce a call for submissions for awards (current undergrads only)! Winners will be selected by a committee of UNLV Psychology professors and submissions are judged on (1) accomplishments (both academic and other activities) and (2) writing quality of the submission. Awards and prizes will be distributed during a ceremony at the end of the spring semester and winners are listed on the [UNLV Psychology website](#).

AWARDS:

1. **Outstanding Psychology Senior**
2. **Outstanding Psychology Junior**
3. **Outstanding Psychology First-Year or Sophomore**
4. **Outstanding Psychology Online Student**
5. **Psychology Service Contribution**
6. **Psychology Non-Traditional Path**

NOTE #1: Specific descriptions of each award (including eligibility) are included on PAGE 2 of this announcement.

NOTE #2: Students are allowed to apply for more than one award.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Students – please nominate yourself by following these instructions.

- (1) At the top of your essay, please list (a) the award, (b) your full name, and (c) your email.
- (2) Write a 300 to 400-word essay (NOTE: Please keep the essay to one page, single-spaced) where you describe your accomplishments. Follow the guidelines for the award that are listed on page 2.
- (3) Please save your essay as a PDF and name it like this: “**Award YourLastName**” (e.g., OnlineStudent Copeland).
- (4) Also submit an unofficial transcript (these are available in MyUNLV). Please submit it as a PDF and name it like this: “**Award YourLastName Transcript**”.
- (5) Send all materials in an email (with the subject line as “awards”) to:
david.copeland@unlv.edu

DEADLINE:

Submissions must be received by *****Wed April 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM!*****

<SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON PAGE 2>

(1) OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY SENIOR

Eligibility: Psychology major with 90 or more credits completed (as noted on your transcript)

Instructions: Describe academic achievements (e.g., GPA, minor or second major, certificates, scholarships, etc.), psychology research accomplishments, teaching assistant or peer mentor roles, career-preparation activities, and other relevant accomplishments (e.g., this can include student club or volunteer roles).

(2) OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY JUNIOR

Eligibility: Psychology major with 60-89 credits completed (as noted on your transcript)

Instructions: Describe academic achievements (e.g., GPA, minor or second major, certificates, scholarships, etc.), psychology research accomplishments, teaching assistant or peer mentor roles, career-preparation activities, and other relevant accomplishments (e.g., this can include student club or volunteer roles).

(3) OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY FIRST-YEAR OR SOPHOMORE

Eligibility: Psychology major with 59 or fewer credits completed (as noted on your transcript)

Instructions: Describe academic achievements (e.g., GPA, minor or second major, certificates, scholarships, etc.), psychology research accomplishments, teaching assistant or peer mentor roles, career-preparation activities, and other relevant accomplishments (e.g., this can include student club or volunteer roles).

(4) OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY ONLINE STUDENT AWARD

Eligibility: Psychology major with over 90% of credits earned online

Instructions: With a focus on being an online-student, describe academic achievements (e.g., GPA, minor or second major, certificates, scholarships, etc.), psychology research accomplishments, teaching assistant or peer mentor roles, career-preparation activities, and other relevant accomplishments (e.g., this can include student club or volunteer roles).

(5) PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Eligibility: Psychology major

Instructions: Describe your meaningful service work (volunteer work). Psychology-related activities will be focused on the most by the committee, but you can also include activities that are not directly connected to psychology. Describe any service activities (UNLV or community) – clearly convey your role and contribution (what exactly did you do?), length of time, and relatedness to psychology (if any).

(6) PSYCHOLOGY NON-TRADITIONAL PATH AWARD

Eligibility: Psychology major over the age of 25 years

Instructions: Describe your academic achievements (e.g., GPA, minor or second major, certificates, scholarships, etc.), research or career-prep activities, as well as how you overcame adversity, started / returned to college at an older age, or took a non-traditional path (this can include things like military service).