Graduating Student Awards
Description of Awards

Student Nominations: Students may self-nominate, nominate others, or be nominated by staff or faculty. The Department will be the final deciding factor for the awards.

Bryan Achievement and Leadership Award
- Graduate students must have a 3.5 GPA.
- Must have impressive academic achievement. Most recipients in the past have had GPAs far above the minimums.
- Must have significant service activities, some of which are at the “leadership” level.
- Service and leadership can be in the Bryan School, the University and/or the community.

There are usually fewer of these awards than the other categories. Nominations should be reserved for truly outstanding, well-rounded students.

Dean’s Service Award
- Grad students must have a 3.0 GPA.
- recognizes service to the Bryan School and/or any of its departments/programs/offices.
- Leadership may be a part of it, but clearly at a different level than the A&L Award, or the GPA is lower as to not qualify for the academic requirements.

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards
- No GPA requirement, though the typical recipient has a high GPA.
- Recognizes students who have enriched the Bryan School’s learning environment as an ambassador through their professional and service activities, and/or their commitment to and support of other students or their impact on a community or society.
- This is the award for the student who routinely went the extra mile, but not in the traditional areas of “service” and “leadership” and academic achievement as indicated in the other awards, or who has overcome difficult circumstances and has excelled in a manner that is deserving of recognition.

Recognition Event: These awards are announced at the Bryan School Graduation and Awards Ceremony during May Commencement. Students graduating in December will be invited to attend, but they will receive the award from the Student Services Office in December prior to the University’s Ceremony.