



‘The Father Walid Moussa Award in Civic Engagement’ for NDU Students

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2017

The Lebanon Dialogue Initiative (LDI) has established ‘**The Father Walid Moussa Award in Civic Engagement (FWMACE)**’ for **BA and MA students at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU)**. The FWMACE recognizes one team of students that has engaged and/or addressed issues of public concern through civic engagement.

Civic engagement “is the process of connecting individuals in society with one another, to share common interests, and work for the common good.” Civic engagement can take many forms, including “individual and collective volunteerism, organizational involvement, electoral participation, or creative representation.”

Organizational Involvement

Community organizations can offer a way to “try out” civic engagement. To support an existing organization, civic engagement means getting involved, understanding their mission as it relates to your interests or academic discipline, and working with others to accomplish established goals. Other methods could include identifying limitations and applying social and knowledge resources to address those limitations, or working to provide possible alternatives.

Individual Volunteerism

Taking action in community locations where there is an identified need, and working to include and utilize public resources in the process through hands-on application of time and skills in the community itself. This approach to civic engagement is especially helpful when students and community members take action together.

Electoral Participation

Advocacy to strengthen the democratic process by clarifying issues, explicating the implications and consequences (biological/ecologic/economic/social) of certain policies, or to offer alternatives to current policy, or simply working to register voters and promote electoral participation locally, statewide, and nationally.

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GUIDELINES

The story, which can be submitted in a PowerPoint Presentation format or in video, in Arabic or English, should follow the following guidelines:

Share with us your inspiring story that shows the power of civic engagement at NDU. The Lebanon Dialogue Initiative (LDI) is particularly interested in stories from students in inspiring and creative roles, in which the students have made a real contribution to dialogue, peace-building, reconciliation, tolerance, strengthening democracy, or development in their community. Projects should be student driven. Students must have the responsibility to collaborate to identify their project goals and ultimately determine the course of action to be taken.

Monetary Value of the FWMACE

The monetary value of the award is US\$ 1,500 (one thousand and five hundred U.S. dollars only) and will be awarded to one student or club, or group of students from NDU. The name(s) of winner(s) will be revealed prior to the LDI Annual International Dialogue Forum in November 2017, and the winner(s) will be invited to participate in the event and be presented with the award.

Participation Criteria

- Student(s) at NDU
- Ages between 18 and 25
- Male or female
- Lebanese national and non-Lebanese national

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

A jury of NDU professors and administrators will evaluate and select the winner(s), according to the following criteria:

- Significance of Civic Engagement and/or Community Service Work
- Impact on the Community
- Partnership between University and Target Audience/Community
- Lessons Learned

What to Submit

1. Prepare a PowerPoint Presentation of exactly 12 slides or record a video of no more than 2 minutes long on the topic of the civic engagement project you have completed, focusing on:

- How or why were you inspired to engage in this particular issue/cause/subject?
- Describe your civic engagement activity/project
- Describe the impact of your civic engagement activity/project on the issue/cause/subject
- Describe how this particular civic engagement activity/project affected you
- Personal quotes, from both the beneficiaries and the students involved, in this activity/project

For the PowerPoint Presentation include high-resolution photos of the:

- Civic engagement activity/project
- The community or the area where the activity took place
- The public or the beneficiaries
- The students involved in the activity/project
- Other photos that illustrate your activity/project and its impact

High-resolution photos only (approx. 5184 x 3456) and should come with captions, including:

- Date the photograph was taken
- Location of the photograph
- A brief description of the activities shown
- Titles of personalities and/or organizations represented
- Name of the photographer/credits

2. In the case of video submissions:

The video **must be** 2 minutes long and in (.mp4), (.wmv), or (.avi) format. The video will be shared through a Dropbox or Wetransfer link, sent to the below contact details. The video will have to include the information requested above. If you submit a video, please fill in sections 1, 2, and 3 of the below application form. You will still have to submit three photographs as described above.

Send us the story, by filling in the attached application form, and attaching it to awards@lebanondialogue.org before 12:00 p.m. on September 15, 2017, with the following subject line: **The Father Walid Moussa Award in Civic Engagement (FWMACE) + your name or the name of your group.** Please also attach 3 high-resolution photos. If you are sharing a video, please send it via Dropbox or Wetransfer link to the above mentioned e-mail address.

Fill out the *Application Form* attached.

We look forward to receiving your inspiring stories, and we wish you the best of luck!