Emory College is soliciting nominations for the Lucius Lamar McMullan Award, made possible by the generous gift of Mr. William Matheson '47G. In instituting this award, Mr. Matheson sought to reward Emory College graduates who show extraordinary promise of becoming our future leaders and rare potential for service to their community, the nation, and the world.

The winner of the McMullan Award will receive $30,000 at the time of graduation to be used for any purpose of their choosing. The McMullan Award will be presented at the College Diploma Ceremony of the May 2023 Commencement.

Qualifications and Procedures for Nomination

The McMullan Award is meant to honor a graduating senior of uncommon stature in the eyes of the Emory community. Academic achievement is an important criterion, but by no means the sole measure of excellence. The recipient should also demonstrate outstanding citizenship, exceptional leadership, and singular qualities of mind and character. Neither financial need nor the potential uses of the prize are considerations in selection.

Nominations may be submitted by members of the College faculty, administrative staff of Campus Life, or the senior administrators of the University. Nominations should address the unusual promise shown by the student, and the accomplishments and attributes observed during their undergraduate career that give substance to that promise. Over and above any particular objective measures, the discerning evaluation and judgment of persons who know the nominee well are paramount. Given the unusually prestigious nature of the award, nominations reflecting the collective judgment of the nominee on the part of more than one or two individuals are particularly encouraged. A single letter written jointly by a group of nominators may be submitted; however, multiple letters of nomination that display different facets of the candidate’s achievements are highly encouraged.

Nominations should be submitted via the nomination form by Thursday, March 2. If a copy of the nominee’s résumé can be acquired discreetly, please include it with the nomination letter.

The winner will be announced in early April. A selection committee will review all nominations and choose the nominee who most closely personifies the tenor and spirit of this remarkable award. Nominees who are not selected for the McMullan Award may be considered for other honors and awards given by the College.

For questions about the award, please contact Robert Torre, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs in the Office for Undergraduate Education (rtorre@emory.edu or 404-727-1466). The nomination form may be found here: https://emoryoue.wufoo.com/forms/z1toxejx1bh1lb8/.