



BUCK WEIRUS

Spirit Award

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Spring 2017



The Association
OF FORMER STUDENTS™

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY®



The Buck Weirus Spirit Award honors up to 55 students who demonstrate high **INVOLVEMENT, create positive **EXPERIENCES** throughout the Aggie community, **IMPACT** student life at Texas A&M and enhance the Aggie **SPIRIT**.**

Workshop Overview

- I. The Legacy of Buck Weirus
- II. The Background of the Spirit Award
- III. The Award Criteria
- IV. The Selection Process
- V. What Makes a Winning Application?
- VI. Questions & Answers
- VII. Application Review

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Richard “Buck” Weirus ’42

- Executive Director of The Association of Former Students: 1964-1980
- Initiation of the President’s Endowed Scholarship
- Establishment of the Century Club
- Support of Student Involvement
- Personally presented each award until his death in 1997.

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Richard "Buck" Weirus '42



Background of the Award

- The award is financed and processed by:



STUDENT ACTIVITIES
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- The Houston A&M Club has established a \$25,000 endowment.



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Background of the Award

- Recognizes up to 55 students yearly up to
 - **10 Level 1 students**
(2 or 3 completed undergraduate semesters @ TAMU)
 - **17 Level 2 students**
(4 or 5 completed undergraduate semesters @ TAMU)
 - **23 Level 3 students**
(6+ completed undergraduate semesters @ TAMU)
 - **5 Level 4 students**
(All graduate students in a degree-seeking program @ TAMU)
- Recipients will be honored at a special awards ceremony held at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center on Sunday, April 9, 2017.

The Award Criteria

- In good academic and disciplinary standing with the university
- Minimum 2.25 GPR
- Classification is based on the number of semesters you've been at Texas A&M
- You may only receive the Buck Weirus Spirit Award once

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The Selection Process

- Applications are reviewed by a confidential committee composed of faculty, staff and students appointed by the Buck Weirus Leadership Committee
- Committee members do not know your biographical information at any point in the process

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What makes a winning application?



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Activities Sheet Requirements

- Page Layout
 - 8 ½" X 11"
 - Margins no less than 1 inch
 - One page, front side only
 - No images, colors, borders or backgrounds
- Font Format
 - Size 10 point or larger
 - Style must be one of the following:
Times New Roman, Arial, Tahoma, or Helvetica
- DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME
 - If your name appears on the Activities Sheet, your application may be disqualified.

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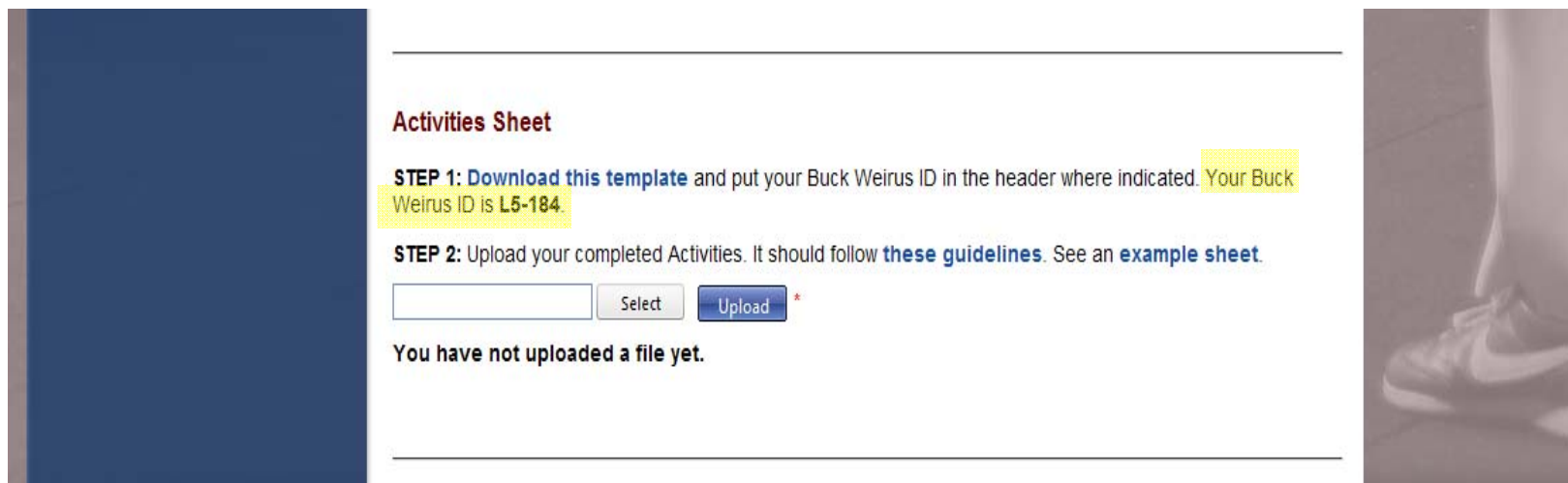
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Activities Sheet ID Number

- **BOLDED** identifying number placed in top right corner (*in the “header” section*)
- You will be designated a Buck Weirus ID number when you log in to complete your application
- YOUR unique identification number will be given in the “Activities Sheet” section of the application



The screenshot shows a web interface for uploading an Activities Sheet. On the left is a dark blue vertical bar. The main content area has a white background with a light blue header. The text reads: "Activities Sheet" in bold. Below that, "STEP 1: Download this template and put your Buck Weirus ID in the header where indicated. Your Buck Weirus ID is L5-184." The text "Your Buck Weirus ID is L5-184" is highlighted in yellow. Then, "STEP 2: Upload your completed Activities. It should follow these guidelines. See an example sheet." Below this is a file selection interface with a text input field, a "Select" button, and an "Upload" button with a red asterisk. At the bottom, it says "You have not uploaded a file yet." On the right side of the screenshot is a vertical image of a person's leg wearing a white sneaker.

Activities Sheet

- Wording should be clear and concise, listing activities in descending yearly order beginning with the current academic year 2016-2017
- Do not list activities based only on academic achievement; you should however list leadership roles held in academic organizations and your contributions within those positions
- List all activities and honors from Texas A&M and other TAMU Branch Campuses (Galveston & Qatar)
- Graduate/Professional Students - Only list activities from Graduate or Professional school

What to Avoid?

- Experiences from outside Texas A&M are not given any weight, for example:
 - High school involvement
 - Religious institution involvement

*Work experience is the exception – the application includes a supplemental question that will ask you to indicate if you work(ed) and on average how many hours per week and your responsibilities.

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Sample Activities Sheets

- Examples of past activities sheet submissions

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Essay – 150 Words

- You will also have the opportunity to submit a 150 word essay. You will build a case as to why you are an exemplary Aggie relative to the award criteria.
- This is an opportunity for you to give your experiences depth by describing how you affect Aggieland.

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Sample Essays

- Examples of past impact essay submissions

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Submission Process

- Applications will only be accepted online at www.AggieNetwork.com/BuckWeirus/
- After submitting your application you will receive a confirmation email
- Award notifications will be e-mailed to all applicants in early March

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Last but, not least!

- Aggie Code of Honor:
 - An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do.
- Questions?
 - SpiritAward@AggieNetwork.com

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Application Deadline



Application must be submitted online at
www.AggieNetwork.com

Monday, Jan. 30, 2017
At 11:59 p.m.

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