



# BUCK WEIRUS

*Spirit Award*

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*Spring 2018*



**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:



- 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 15, 2018.

# 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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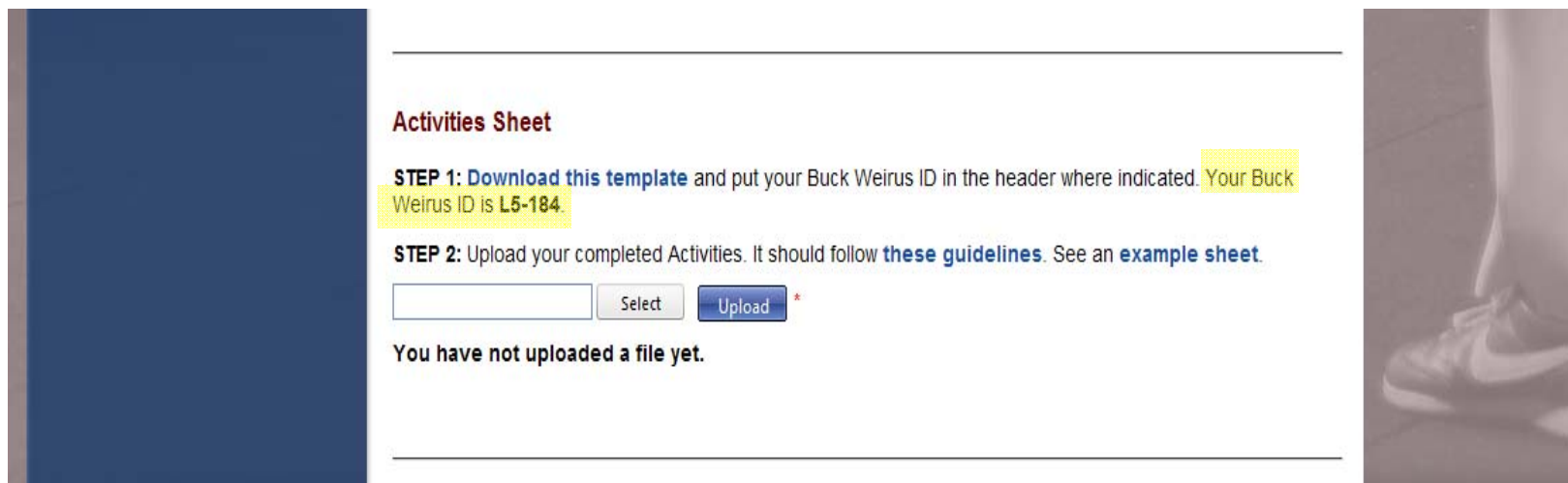
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# Activities Sheet ID Number

- **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



**Activities Sheet**

**STEP 1:** [Download this template](#) and put your Buck Weirus ID in the header where indicated. Your Buck Weirus ID is **L5-184**.

**STEP 2:** Upload your completed Activities. It should follow [these guidelines](#). See an [example sheet](#).

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You have not uploaded a file yet.

# Activities Sheet

- Wording should be clear and concise, listing activities in descending yearly order beginning with the current academic year 2017-2018
- 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/](http://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](http://www.AggieNetwork.com)

Monday, Feb. 5, 2017  
At 11:59 p.m.

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