**The Leadership Prize: NOMINATION**

**Letter of Nomination**

Applicants need to have a letter from their mentor in support of their application for a Leadership Prize. This **letter of nomination** submitted by you as the student’s official mentor will communicate your willingness to advise the applicant and offer your judgment of how the project fulfills the criteria used in the selection process. *The complete set of selection criteria is listed on the application form, and is available for you to review at the program website* (<https://www.elon.edu/u/leadership-prize/application-process/>). Please also find on the website a detailed description of mentor duties and information on compensation, expectations, and responsibilities.

Detailed and enthusiastic letters of nomination greatly assist the selection committee in its deliberations, and your efforts on behalf of the applicant are greatly appreciated. In that light, keep in mind that although the selection committee includes colleagues from across the institution, you are the expert in your particular field. You are welcome and encouraged to help contextualize your student’s proposal and, a) address how the proposed work reflects valuable directions in your field; b) how your student exemplifies the highest degree of undergraduate potential and achievement in that field at this stage of his or her development; and c) discuss their leadership abilities and vision for positive change.

Finally, please note that your student should be requesting your assistance in the development of the application and to review of the document being submitted. This is to ensure that you are in support of ***the final version*** of the application being submitted. They should be copying the following statement at the end of their document:

My typed name below serves as my electronic signature. It indicates that the information contained in the application is accurate, the application has been reviewed by my mentor, and reflects my best faith plans for intellectual/creative activities during the remaining 1.5 years at Elon. I hereby give permission to the Selection Committee to obtain a copy of my current transcript and summary of any Honor Code violations.

***Please submit your letter as a Word document*** to Jodean Schmiederer, Dean of Student Development and Assistant Professor ([jschmiederer@elon.edu](mailto:jschmiederer@elon.edu)). Your typed name will serve as your electronic signature, indicating support of the proposal and willingness to serve as an ongoing mentor to the applicant.

All application material, including this letter of nomination, must be completed no later than **Wednesday, October 9, 2024.**

**Name of Mentor [typed named serves as your electronic signature]:**

**Position/Title:**

**Department:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone:**