

2026 McGRAW AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

(In cooperation with the UW-Whitewater Student Association and with the UW-Whitewater faculty.)

Recipients will receive a \$500 honorarium donated each year by the family of Arthur G. McGraw.

CRITERIA

1. Nominees shall be chosen from the December 2025 or the May 2026 or the August 2026 graduating classes and shall come from a bachelor's degree program offered by any of the four colleges of the university.
2. At time of graduation, eligible students must have completed at least 60 credits from UW-W with a minimum cumulative GPA in their major field of 3.5. Transfer students who are nominated must meet the 3.5 GPA in academic work transferred as well as courses completed at UW-W. (The GPA will be computed on all collegiate work completed related to the major field).
3. Students must have been and/or be active in university, college and/or community activities or organizations.

SELECTION PROCESS

College Selection Process:

It's the responsibility of each College to:

- Promote the award to qualified students;
- Establish a screening process and timeline, determine those students they wish to nominate (a maximum of five), and submit their nominees for the consideration of the University Selection Committee.
- Application forms may be submitted by:
 - a. Individual applicant (or friend of applicant);
 - b. Academic department recommendation.
 - c. Academic college recommendation.

Deadline for Colleges to forward their nominees to the University Selection Committee: **March 6, 2026**

University Selection Committee Process:

- Membership on the University Selection Committee for the McGraw Award will be limited to faculty who hold the rank of either professor or associate professor, and to students of either junior or senior classifications. The University Selection Committee shall be comprised of eight voting members, and coordinated by Brian Bredeson of Career Services:
 - a. One faculty member and one student from each of the four undergraduate colleges;
 - b. The Committee chairperson (Brian Bredeson, Career Services)
- By suggestion of Arthur G. McGraw, the Committee should be guided in the final selection process by this general statement:

“The award recipient should be an outstanding, well-rounded UW-W graduate ready for the world of professional work and one who appears ready to contribute in a positive way to society.”

- The University Selection Committee will make their final decisions on award recipient by **March 27, 2026**