2026 Nomination Packet Information for the

Student Impact and Advocacy Leadership Award

Dear Student,

To be considered for the Student Impact and Advocacy Leadership Award (SIALA), you must do the following:

1. Fill out the nominee form in its entirety.

2. Gather reference letters from the following
    a. (1) One letter from a fellow student
    b. (1) One letter from a faculty member at UT Health Science Center
    c. (1) One letter from a person of your choice (student, staff, faculty, or community member you regularly work with)

3. Submit your complete nomination packet by **Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 11:59 pm**
    a. In person: 920 Madison Ave, Suite 825 at the Office of Compliance, **OR**
        i. Monday- Friday 8:15 am- 4:00 pm
    b. Online: 4impact@uthsc.edu
        i. Subject: SIALA 2026 Nomination Packet

An incomplete nomination packet will automatically disqualify you from consideration for this award.

Reference Letter Guidelines

1. Choose someone who can speak about your impact and advocacy on our campus community and beyond in these areas:
    a. Engaging Communities
    b. Educational Excellence
    c. Expanding Research
    d. Advancing Health
    e. Developing Talent

    These areas align with UT Health Science Center's Strategic Pillars.

2. Reference Letters

    a. 500-word minimum to 750-word maximum
    b. Briefly mention the relationship between the student nominee and the writer
    c. Provide examples of how the student exhibited impact and advocacy in these areas: Engaging Communities, Educational Excellence, Expanding Research, Advancing Health, and Developing Talent (Strategic Pillars)
    d. Formatting: official letterhead, signed, and in PDF format.

Student Impact and Advocacy Leadership Award

Award Eligibility: Only students (undergraduate/graduate) currently enrolled at UT Health Science Center are eligible to run for this award.

Stipend Eligibility: Students must remain enrolled at UT Health Science Center to use the stipend.

Stipend Use: The $500 stipend award is issued as a reimbursement. The stipend can be used for the following: Medical/ Professional Organization Membership, Webinar or Training Course, Academic Journal Subscription, Conference/Presentation Attendance. Stipend cannot be transferred.

Nomination Packet: I understand that I am responsible for submitting a complete nomination packet. This includes the nominee form and 3 reference letters. Only a complete packet will be considered for the award.

I have enclosed/attached the nominee form and 3 reference letters.

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Signature **Date**

Student Impact and Advocacy Leadership Award Nominee Form

All items marked with * must be filled out.

Name: *	
Program: *	
College: *	
Email: *	
Mailing Address: *	
Phone Number: *	
UTSHC Involvement: *	
Off-Campus Involvement:	

Explain why you deserve this award. Provide examples of how your actions highlight impact and advocacy on our campus and the community during your tenure as a student at UTHSC. Examples should align with UT Health Science Center's Strategic Plan (maximum of 1000 words): *