

**Guidelines for the Valdosta State University  
Master of Library and Information Science  
George Gaumond Award**

An award bearing the name of George Gaumond, University Librarian at Valdosta State University and founder of VSU's Master of Library and Information Science program, will be given each year at the VSU Honor's Day ceremony to a current MLIS student who has demonstrated exemplary scholarship and service.

**A. Nomination Process**

1. Nominations of candidates to be considered for the award will be accepted from current students, alumni, and faculty. Self-nominations are permitted.
2. Names of nominees along with a justification or rationale for that nomination (a letter of recommendation or the nominee's resume or both) should be mailed to:  
MLIS Awards and Scholarships  
Odum Library  
Valdosta State University  
1500 N. Paterson Street  
Valdosta, GA 31698-0133  
**OR** Faxed to: 229-259-5055  
Cover sheet should say: Attention MLIS Awards and Scholarships  
**OR** E-mailed to: kyeatman@valdosta.edu  
Header should say: Attention MLIS Awards and Scholarships
3. Nominations close on a date to be announced each year (depending upon the timing of Honor's Day)
4. The nominees are forwarded to the George Gaumond Award Committee, a sub-committee of the MLIS Awards and Scholarship Committee, and are reduced to a group of candidates not to exceed three finalists.
5. The finalists' names are forwarded to the full MLIS faculty who will select the award recipient.

**B. Selection Criteria**

1. Completion of 27 credits (nine graduate level courses) or more toward the MLIS degree
2. Evidence of exemplary scholarship which may include but is not limited to:
  - a. 3.8 GPA or higher
  - b. Publications, book or media reviews, editorships
  - c. Presentations or participation on discussion panels
3. Contribution to the profession through service which may include but is not limited to:
  - a. Activities in professional or LIS student organizations beyond membership
  - b. Membership(s) on professional boards or other governance bodies
  - c. Volunteer activities related to libraries or librarianship

**C. Award Acceptance**

The George Gaumond Award honoree will receive a plaque and a token gift, and will receive the award at the annual VSU Honor's Day Awards ceremony.