



## **Rick Funk Dance Marathon Leadership Award Nomination Form**

The Rick Funk Dance Marathon Leadership Award was established in 1996 by alumni of the Overall Committee to honor Rick Funk for his ten years of providing leadership, commitment, and service to the Dance Marathon as their advisor.

This award seeks to recognize a student who has demonstrated commitment, loyalty, leadership, and the ability to motivate other students involved in THON. The recipient will be awarded a scholarship at the annual Closer to a Cure Celebration event.

### **To become eligible for this award one must be:**

- ❖ A registered full-time undergraduate Penn State student
- ❖ Of at least 6<sup>th</sup> semester standing
- ❖ Participant in a THON Committee, Commonwealth Campus, Greek Organization, Special Interest Organization, General Organization, and/or attempting to Independently Dance

### **On a cover letter, please provide the following information:**

- ❖ Nominee Name
- ❖ Nominee Semester Standing
- ❖ Nominee THON Involvement
- ❖ Nominator Name
- ❖ Nominator Contact Information

### **Please provide complete answers to the following questions (Maximum 250 words each):**

1. What is this person's involvement in THON? Please list and describe each role(s).
2. Please describe your very first experience with THON and how it has influenced your commitment to fight childhood cancer. If nominating another individual, please describe the context in which you have worked with the individual within THON and how they have affected your THON experience.
3. Please describe what leadership skills you have learned and how you have incorporated them into your role within THON. If nominating another individual, please describe the leadership skills that this individual possesses and how you have witnessed these skills being implemented in their THON role.
4. Please describe how being awarded the Rick Funk Scholarship will continue to motivate the nominated individual to stay involved in THON as an upper classman and/or alumnus/a.



A recommendation letter from an adviser, faculty member, organization leader, or peer involved with THON is optional for any nomination, but in cases of self-nomination, a recommendation letter is highly encouraged.

Please email the completed nomination form to [special.events@thon.org](mailto:special.events@thon.org) by  
**Friday, January 31, 2025 by 5:00 PM.**

**\*Late Nominations will not be accepted\***

If you have questions, please contact:  
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