

2023 TLU Family of the Year Nomination Form

The TLU Family of the Year contest is intended to celebrate the supportive role families play in the lives of students and the TLU community. At TLU, family is defined as individuals and group members who support their student. Family members include parents, spouses, partners, siblings, grandparents, cousins, extended relations and close friends. By answering a few short questions, students can express what their families have meant to them during their time at TLU. The family selected as 2023 TLU Family of the Year will be honored Saturday, October 21, 2023.

How do you nominate your family?

- Families must have at least (1) undergraduate student enrolled and in good standing at TLU.
- Student or family nominators must submit:
 1. A completed Nomination Form AND
 2. Either a 500-word (or less) essay with a Family Picture OR a 30-60 second video addressing the four questions below.
- All nominations (which are to include both the Nomination Form and either the 500- word essay or 30-60 second video) must be submitted via e-mail to parents@tlu.edu by **Friday, October 6, 2023**.

Essay/Video Questions

Answer the following questions as completely and as accurately as possible.

1. What effect has your family had on you during your college experience?
2. Why does your family stand out from other TLU Families?
3. What one word or phrase describes your family, and why?
4. How has your family shown they have the ultimate **enthusiasm** and **love** for TLU?

Video Submission

Should you choose to submit a 30-60 second video nomination instead of an essay, please note that your video should not be professionally produced. No third party vendors or production agencies should be used in the recording or editing of your video.

What will the selected family receive?

- Special recognition and commemorative plaque presented to the family at the October 21st football game.
- Recognition on the front cover of the 2024-25 TLU Parent Handbook and Calendar and the Parent My.TLU page.
- A \$100 gift certificate from the TLU bookstore
- The Family name will be engraved on a plaque that will be housed in the Alumni Student Center.

Nominated families MUST be in attendance at Homecoming Weekend Saturday, October 21st to receive the 2023 TLU Family of the Year recognition.

If you have any questions regarding the 2023 TLU Family of the Year Nomination Form or process, please contact Ali Bratcher, Administrative Assistant of First Year and Campus Programs at parents@tlu.edu.

2023 TLU FAMILY OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Student Information:

Student's Name: _____ TLU Student ID# _____

TLU E-Mail : _____

Student Cellphone Number: _____

Hometown: _____

Family Information:

Name(s) of nominated family members and relationship to the TLU Student:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Are any family members TLU Alumni? If so, who and what year did they graduate:

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students of Texas Lutheran University. A final selection will be recommended by the members of the committee and approved by the Vice President of Student Affairs of TLU.

The essays/videos will be judged according to following criteria:

- *Evidence of the family's support for the student academic career and journey*
- *Evidence of the family's support at TLU*
- *Evidence of the family's enthusiasm for TLU*
- *Creativity*
- *Grammar, punctuation, readability and presentation*

Submit this Nomination Form along with either your 500-word essay or 30-60 second video via e-mail to parents@tlu.edu by 5p.m. Friday, October 6, 2023.