

Hello & Greetings MOKANNE!

Nominations are now open for the 2026 MOKANNE Achievers Award **AND** 2026 MOKANNE Hall of Fame Award. The recognition ceremony will take place at the MOKANNE Annual Conference in April. Nominate your MOKANNE Hall Achiever & Hall of Fame today!

What is a MOKANNE Achiever?

A MOKANNE Achiever is an outstanding former TRIO/GEAR UP participant that has received recognition within his/her profession or for outstanding academic achievement. They are individuals who have made significant civic, community, or professional contributions.

MOKANNE Achievers are recognized at the MOKANNE Achievers banquet at the Annual Conference. It is a special event that gives our MOKANNE community an opportunity to congratulate our alumni on their success. This award further serves as a source of pride in the knowledge that MOKANNE continues to make a difference in the lives of thousands of first-generation and low-income students throughout the MOKANNE region and the United States. For 2026, the MOKANNE Chapter will honor up to two (2) MOKANNE Achievers.

Criteria for Selection of MOKANNE Achiever:

The MOKANNE Achiever nominee must:

- Be a former TRIO/GEAR UP program participant who was enrolled in and successfully completed a TRIO/GEAR UP program in the MOKANNE Region.
- Have enrolled in and successfully completed a post-secondary program of study resulting in a baccalaureate or terminal degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Must be a person of high stature within his/her profession or has received recognition for outstanding academic achievement.
- Must currently be employed above the entry level designation for his/her profession or enrolled in a program for a degree above the baccalaureate degree. Special preference is given to nominees who have been out of school for five or more years.
- Must have made significant civic, community, or professional contributions.
- Acknowledge that participation in the TRIO/GEAR UP project had significant impact upon the candidate in obtaining his/her educational and/or professional objectives.

Submission deadline is February 26, 2026 by 5:00pm

The 2026 MOKANNE Achiever Nomination Form is also attached. Please contact the MOKANNE Achiever Chair, Liz Shepard at liz.shepard@cowley.edu if you need additional information or assistance.

2026 MOKANNE - Hall of Fame Process

The Chapter recognizes and rewards its members who have shown outstanding commitment, energy, and excellence toward achieving the mission and goals of the organization by induction into the MOKANNE Hall of Fame. Persons confirmed to the MOKANNE Hall of Fame will receive Honorary Membership status in MOKANNE as defined in the Chapter's constitution. This status is reflected in the program for MOKANNE's Annual Conference and in the MOKANNE directory.

The Nomination Process:

1. Any Active Professional member of the MOKANNE organization may nominate an individual to be considered for induction into the MOKANNE Hall of Fame.
2. The names of all nominees shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.
3. The Board of Directors will be responsible for final confirmation of any member inducted into the MOKANNE Hall of Fame.
4. There will be no designated time (i.e. annually, bi-annually, etc.) that the organization must induct members. Members will be nominated and inducted solely on the basis of merit.

Selection Criteria:

1. The nominee shall be at least a ten-year Active Professional member of MOKANNE and should be of current status at the time of nomination and induction.
 2. The nominee shall have served as an officer in MOKANNE and/or chaired a committee on the MOKANNE level.
 3. The nominee shall have demonstrated strong leadership by having provided professional development workshops, educational training, or developed model or exemplary programs for the organization's constituency.
 4. The nominee shall have coordinated a successful major fund-raising activity and/or generated significant other outside support for MOKANNE activities.
 5. The nominee shall have provided an outstanding contribution to the goals and mission of MOKANNE.
 6. Nominator must submit a letter supporting the nomination of the nominee.
- **Submission deadline for MOKANNE Hall of Fame is Friday, March 6, 2026, by 5:00 pm**
 - **Nominations for MOKANNE Hall of Fame can be submitted at the following link:**
 - **[Click here to submit a nomination for the MOKANNE Hall of Fame](#)**

Please contact the MOKANNE Hall of Fame Chair, Rashawn Harvey at mokanne-halloffame@eoq.org if you need additional information or assistance.