APPLICATION

FOR

SMC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dr. J. Michael Sproule and Dr. Betty Ann Sproule Established the School of Media & Communication Fund for Excellence in 2001. At the time of the establishment of the fund, J. Michael Sproule was Director of what was then the School of Communication Studies at BGSU and Betty Ann Sproule was a manager with Hewlett Packard Co. The Sproules earned their PhD degrees at Ohio State University, and were married in Columbus in 1973. J. Michael Sproule, whose specialties are rhetoric and media studies, served on the faculty of the University of Texas-Odessa, Indiana University Southeast, University of California-Berkeley, and San Jose State University before joining the faculty at BGSU in 2001. Betty Sproule began her career as an engineer with Bell Telephone Labs, later served as an assistant professor of computer science at the University of Texas-Odessa and subsequently worked as an information and marketing manager for General Electric and Hewlett-Packard.

Recognizing the quality of the faculty and programs of the School of Media & Communication, and the abilities and needs of its undergraduate and graduate students, the Sproules established the School of Media & Communication Fund for Excellence as a way to build upon the existing solid foundation of the School. The Sproules also desired to set an example of what is possible in the future to further enhance the School of Media & Communication

The application package is comprised of (1) completed application form; (2) 1 letter of recommendation; (3) Curriculum Vitae.

Create one electronic file package, entitle it “SMC Excellence Award Application\_(last name),” and submit to [smcgrad@bgsu.edu](mailto:smcgrad@bgsu.edu). The award decision will be made by the Graduate Program Committee. The winner(s) will be notified by the School Office and is expected to attend the end-of-year SMC award ceremony.

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| SMC Committee: (Chair)      ; (Member #1)      ; (Member #2) | | | | | | |
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| Program Beginning Semester/Year: / | | | | Expected Graduation Semester/Year:/ | | |
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| BGSU Email Address:      @bgsu.edu | | | | Permanent Email Address:      @ | | |
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| GPA: | | | | TDP Approval/Update Date (M/D/YY): | | |
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| Prelim Completion Date (Both written & oral. Expected date, if not completed yet) (M/D/YY): | | | | | | |

Describe in detail how you embodied the excellence of the School of Media and Communication. In spirit of the award, also state how you set an example of what is possible to enhance the School of Media and Communication.

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| Checklist for the application package: | Application form |  |
|  | One letter of recommendation |  |
|  | CV |  |
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I attest that the information provided on this application is complete and truthful, to the best of my knowledge (Digital signature acceptable).

**Signature:** **Date (M/D/YY):**