Looking for Unique Talents

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Nominations are now open for the 2010 Timothy Sykes Daytrading Award for the Talented. A social entrepreneur, an organic farmer and a boatbuilder are among the past winners of the award that recognizes individuals connected to Tulane who have unusual interests and passions.

April 16 is the deadline for nominations. The award, established seven years ago by Tim Sykes, a 2003 Tulane alumnus, includes a cash prize.

Sykes winners are people in the Tulane community whose abilities and accomplishments may not be in traditional areas of endeavor. For example, the 2009 Sykes Award winner, <u>Matthew Holland</u>, is a 2003 graduate who helps entrepreneurs in developing countries.

The 2008 winner was Tulane staff member <u>Maureen King</u>, whose family built a farm where vegetables are grown untouched by pesticides. And alumna <u>Susan Zaluski</u>, who launched a career in boatbuilding, received the award in 2007.

Sykes Award candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by another member of the Tulane community by means of a statement, which must be a minimum of two pages, describing the individual's talent and including a list of his or her related accomplishments or an example of the applicant's work.

Nominations are open to Tulane students, faculty or staff members or young alumni. Applications for the award will be reviewed by a committee appointed by Tulane President Scott Cowen.

Sykes Award nominations may be submitted via e-mail at timsykesaward@tulane.edu or mailed to Tulane University Office of Development, c/o Timothy Sykes Daytrading Award, 6823 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118. For additional information, call 504-314-7335.