



Texas A&M University Distinguished Alumnus Award Nomination Form

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor Texas A&M University can bestow upon a Former Student. It is given to those alumni and alumnae who, through their distinction in their chosen field of endeavor, selfless service to society, and dedication and loyalty to the University, exemplify the core values of **Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect and Selfless Service**.

Criteria for Selection

Recipients will be accomplished in the three distinct areas as outlined below. This distinction will be reflective of Texas A&M University's core values – Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect, and Selfless Service. The three areas are:

- **Professional Achievement and Career or Military Service Distinction:** The recipient attained prominence through his or her efforts in commerce, industry, technology, the professions, agriculture, the arts, education, government, military, or other worthy endeavors that form a record of accomplishment impressive to the citizens of Texas and the nation.
- **Service to Society:** The recipient exhibits integrity and a demonstrated commitment to service through an interest in bettering the lives of others through volunteer efforts.
- **Service and Support to Texas A&M University:** The recipient's deeds and actions reflect the importance of his or her educational training, pride in their alma mater, and loyalty to Texas A&M, as demonstrated through their interest in and support of the University, The Association of Former Students and their programs.

Eligible Nominees

Eligible nominees will have been enrolled in a regular course of study at Texas A&M. Former students employed by the University, The Association of Former Students, the 12th Man Foundation, or the Texas A&M Foundation are not eligible during their term of employment. Members of The Association Board of Directors are not eligible during their term of service. Former students may be nominated posthumously.

These awards are given for outstanding achievement and no compromises diminishing the significance of the awards will be made.

Method of Nomination

Nominations may be made for the Distinguished Alumnus Award by any of the following individuals or groups excluding the **noted exceptions**.

- Any member of The Association of Former Students or its affiliate organizations, i.e. an A&M Club or Class
- Any member of the University administration, faculty, or staff
- Any member of an affiliate or support organization of the University
- Any Texas A&M former student
- Any friend of Texas A&M
- **Noted Exception** - The University President, the Texas A&M Foundation President, the 12th Man Foundation President, and The Association of Former Students' President and CEO, Board of Directors, and Executive Staff may not nominate an individual.

Nominations will be accepted using the following guidelines:

1. The Association of Former Students provides an Award Nomination Form online at <http://www.aggienetwork.com/distinguishedalumni>
2. In addition to completing and submitting the Award Nomination Form (**required**) nominators are encouraged to provide supporting items that further distinguish the nominee. Such items include, but are not limited to:
 - Letter of nomination written by the nominator (**Required**)
 - Up to the three letters of support (**Required**)
 - Only one being from a family member that specifically addresses the criteria. Letters of support will not be accepted from the Texas A&M University President, the Texas A&M Foundation President, the 12th Man Foundation President and CEO, or the The Association of Former Students' President CEO
 - Current biography or curriculum vitae for the individual (**Required**)
 - Newspaper and magazine articles
 - Personal stories
 - Award or certificates of achievement
 - Other items of interest
3. One nomination per individual will be considered.
4. Nomination forms will be held for each individual for five years. If an individual is not selected for the award, his or her nomination form may be updated and renewed by the original or another appropriate nominator for consideration in a subsequent year.
5. No limitation will be placed on the total number of nominations accepted for consideration.
6. The name of the nominator will not be disclosed.

Method of Award Recipient Selection

The Association of Former Students will use the following guidelines for the Award Recipient Selection:

- The Chair of The Association will appoint five former students and the University President will appoint four faculty members to an anonymous Selection Committee. At least one of the Selection Committee is appointed by The Association Chair must have served the previous year.
- The Association will collect submitted nominations which will be reviewed and validated.
- The Association will submit the nominations to the committee in advance of the Selection Committee meeting.
- Up to twelve recipients may be selected annually. The Association Board of Directors must approve additional recipients. A Board member must recuse themselves if an individual they have written a letter of support for is presented to the Board for approval.

Announcement and Recognition

The Association of Former Students will announce honorees annually through various methods and honor each recipient with the appropriate recognition.

Supporting documentation may include:

- 1. Current biography or curriculum vitae for nominee
- 2. Up to three letters of support.
- 3. List of awards, certificates of achievement, honors
- 4. Newspaper and magazine articles

Process:

Recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award will be selected by a committee appointed by the Chair-Elect of The Association of Former Students. To preserve the confidentiality of the process, the identity of the Selection Committee members will not be revealed. Each year's recipients will be notified in due course typically in February or March. If a candidate not selected in a particular year, he/she may be re-nominated in succeeding years.

Nominee Information:

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Principal Business & Position: _____

City & State of Residence: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Children (indicate Class Year if graduate of Texas A&M University):

Education

- 1. Undergraduate degree

Granting Institution: _____

Degree: _____ Year awarded: _____

Discipline: _____

Honors (if applicable) _____

2. Advanced degrees

Granting Institution: _____

Degree: _____ Year awarded: _____

Discipline: _____

3. Military or civilian schools

Include those of three months or longer where certificates or degrees were granted.

School: _____ Year awarded: _____

School: _____ Year awarded: _____

4. Honorary degrees

Granting institution: _____ Year awarded: _____

Granting institution: _____ Year awarded: _____

5. Executive training: _____

Career Distinction

In reverse chronological order (i.e., present position first) dating back to when nominee first graduated, list position (scope of job responsibilities may be included for the top three positions), name of company/institution, location and date of professional practice and military service.

Professional Achievement

Please list proof points on how nominee has achieved distinction or prominence in academia, the professions, the arts, education, government, industry, business, consulting or other noteworthy endeavors.

Service to Society

Indicate how nominee, either through philanthropy or service, has contributed to the betterment of society.

_____ Chair-Elect _____
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Service and Support to Texas A&M University

Indicate how the nominee has demonstrated service and support to Texas A&M University.

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Award Recognition at Texas A&M University

List any accolades/awards awarded at Texas A&M University.

Distinction as a Student at Texas A&M University

List the nominee's participation in leadership activities as a student while attending Texas A&M University.

Nominator's Contact Information: (will be kept confidential)

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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