

Please read all criteria for this honor. Below the criteria, you will find how to submit a nomination, which must include a letter of nomination and three letters of support.

## **The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University**

### **Distinguished Alumnus Award**

Jointly sponsored by The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University, the Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University. Established in 1962, the Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes those alumni who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored the legacy of excellence of Texas A&M University. The Distinguished Alumnus Award does more than honor its recipients. It further illustrates the great value of the academic programs and student involvement at Texas A&M and increases the pride that former students, students, faculty and staff have for our University. To date, this prestigious award has only been presented to 291 of Texas A&M's more than 508,000 former students.

#### **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, agriculture, 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 alma mater and loyalty to Texas A&M, as demonstrated through their interest in and support of Texas A&M University.

### **Eligible Nominees**

Eligible nominees will have been enrolled in a regular course of study at Texas A&M University. 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's Board of Directors are not eligible during their term of service. Former students may be nominated posthumously.

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

### **Method of Nomination**

Distinguished Alumnus Award nominations may be made by any of the following individuals or groups, excluding noted exceptions below:

- Any member of The Association of Former Students or its affiliate organizations (i.e. an A&M Club, Class or Constituent Network).
- Any member of the Texas A&M University administration, faculty or staff.
- Any friend of Texas A&M.

Nominations will be accepted using the following guidelines:

1. The Association of Former Students provides an Award Nomination Form online at <https://www.aggienetwork.com/distinguishedalumni>

2. In addition to completing and submitting the Award Nomination Form, a current bio on the nominee must be provided (Times New Roman font, size 12, single-spaced, 500 words or less), as well as a letter of nomination written by the nominator and three (3) letters of support from non-family members that specifically addresses the award criteria are required. Nominations will not be accepted without a letter of nomination and three (3) letters of support.

In addition, nominators are encouraged to provide the Distinguished Alumnus Award Selection Committee with supporting items that further distinguish the nominee from all other former students of Texas A&M. Such items include, but are not limited to:

- Current resume, biography or curriculum vitae for the individual
- Newspaper and magazine articles
- Award or certificates of achievement
- Other items of interest

3. Only one nomination per former student will be considered. Before beginning a nomination, you are welcome to contact Lisa Ashorn, Marketing Assistant, to confirm if a nomination already exists

for the individual you want to nominate. She may be reached at [LAshorn@AggieNetwork.com](mailto:LAshorn@AggieNetwork.com) or 979-845-7514.

4. Nomination forms will be held for each former student for a period of five (5) years from the date of the original nomination. If an individual is not selected for the award, his or her Award Nomination Form may be updated and renewed by the original nominator for consideration in a subsequent year. The Association will contact nominators for annual renewals.

5. No limitation will be placed on the total number of nominations accepted for consideration each year.

6. The name of the nominator will not be disclosed.

7. Nominations will not be accepted from the President of Texas A&M University, the President & CEO of the Texas A&M Foundation, the President & CEO of the 12th Man Foundation, and The Association of Former Students' President and CEO, Board of Directors and Executive Staff.

8. Letters of support may be submitted by anyone with the exception of the Texas A&M University President, the Texas A&M Foundation President & CEO, the 12th Man Foundation President & CEO, and The Association of Former Students' President & CEO.

### **Method of Award Recipient Selection**

The Association of Former Students will use the following guidelines for selecting Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients:

- The Association's Chair of the Board will appoint five (5) former students and the Texas A&M University President will appoint four (4) faculty members to an anonymous selection committee. At least one of the selection committee members appointed by The Association's Chair of the Board must have served on the committee the previous year.
- The Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee is a confidential committee with committee members not knowing who is on the committee until the committee meets in person. Committee names are not disclosed.
- The Association will collect submitted nominations which will be reviewed and validated.
- The Association will submit completed nominations to the selection committee in advance of the selection committee meeting for review.
- Up to twelve (12) recipients may be selected annually for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The Association's Board of Directors must approve additional recipients. A Board member must recuse himself/herself if an individual they have written a letter of support for is presented to the Board for consideration..

**Announcement and Recognition** The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University will announce the recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award through coordinated surprise announcements.

# **Texas A&M University Distinguished Alumnus Award**

## **Nomination Form**

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University. It is presented to those former students who, through their distinction in their chosen field of endeavor, selfless service to society, and dedication and loyalty to Texas University, exemplify the core values of **Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect and Selfless Service.**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, October 2, 2020 for 2021 Honorees.**

Please use this form to make your nomination for the 2021 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Supporting documentation may be sent with this nomination form via email to [LAshorn@Aggienetwork.com](mailto:LAshorn@Aggienetwork.com) or by mail:

**The Association of Former Students**

**c/o Lisa Ashorn**

**505 George Bush Dr.**

**College Station, TX 77845**

### **2021 Distinguished Alumnus Award Nominee Information:**

Name:

Class Year:

City, State and Country of Residence:

Place of Birth:

Date of Birth:

Spouse's Name (if applicable):

Spouse's Class Year (if applicable):

Children (Indicate Class Year for each child if graduate of Texas A&M University):

## **Education**

1. Undergraduate degree  
Granting Institution:  
Degree and year awarded:  
Discipline:  
Honors (if applicable):
2. Advanced degrees  
Granting Institution:  
Degree and year awarded:  
Discipline:  
Honors (if applicable):
3. Military or Academies (Include those of three months or longer where certificates or degrees were granted).  
Granting Institution:  
Degree and year awarded:  
Discipline:  
Honors (if applicable):
4. Honorary degrees  
Granting Institution:  
Degree and year awarded:  
Discipline:  
Honors (if applicable):
5. Executive training

## **Current Business & Position:**

### **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 distinction or prominence in academia, the arts, education, government, industry, business, consulting or other noteworthy endeavors.

**Military Achievement/Decoration** (If applicable)

Please list any recognition for acts of valor, exceptional service or achievement, special skills or qualifications and acts of heroism.

**Service to Society**

Please list philanthropy or service for the betterment of society.

**Service and Support to Texas A&M University**

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

**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 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:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail Address: