

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

CRITERIA

Each Homecoming, the University of Montana Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni with Distinguished Alumni Awards. University alumni and friends are invited to nominate, on an individual basis, a graduate or former student for this award.

Recipients of this prestigious award are individuals who have distinguished themselves in a particular field and who have brought honor to the University. The Awards Committee will consider the following areas but will focus primarily on career achievement:

1. Career Achievement
2. Professional Membership/Directorship
3. Professional Honors
4. Community and/or Civic Engagement

The University of Montana Alumni Association Board of Directors Recognition committee will select the recipients. The committee reserves the right not to give an award. At its discretion, the committee may confirm the nominee's accomplishments, including checking references and academic records.

Awards may not be given to persons whose election would generate a potential conflict of interest with their current responsibilities and their selection as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, such as:

- Any person currently running for an elected office or being considered for a political appointment
- Executive officers of the University of Montana or staff of the University of Montana Alumni Association or Alumni Relations offices
- Current members of the UMAA Board of Directors or trustees of the UM Foundation
- Current University of Montana faculty or staff members
- Any person who by other position of potential conflict of interest not previously identified above is determined by the Recognition committee to be ineligible for this award

Given that the Recognition committee considers a large number of nominations each year, the Alumni Board of Directors may approve up to six awards annually and may exceed this number, but only if unusual circumstances call for such an expansion of awards. A minimum number is not required. Nominees' files will automatically be considered for three consecutive years. After this period, any unselected files will be shredded and those nominees cannot be re-nominated for two years. If re-nominated, a new nomination package is required.

PROCEDURE

1. Complete a nomination form for each candidate. Please submit as much information via email as possible. The deadline for both hard copy and online submissions is **February 22, 2019**.
2. Please describe career accomplishments that distinguish the candidate as a UM alumnus/alumna. Selection is competitive. You may submit a reasonable amount of supporting documentation, which can include, but is not limited to, lists of published articles, other awards received, resumes or vitae. However, do not submit videotapes. A minimum of three additional supporting letters of recommendation may accompany the nomination.
3. Complete nominations, including the nomination form and supporting documentation outlined in #2, must be postmarked or submitted electronically by **February 22, 2019**. Hard copy nominations may be mailed to the UM Alumni Association, 107 Brantly Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-7920. Electronic nominations may be emailed to DAA@umontana.edu. For additional information or questions, please call the Alumni Office at 406-243-5211 or 877-UM-ALUMS (877-862-5867).

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Date Submitted: _____

1. Nominee Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____
Class year: _____

2. Nominator Name: _____
Address: _____

Email Address: _____
Phone: _____
Class year: _____

3. Please describe the nominee's career achievements, professional honors, professional membership/directorship, and community and/or civic engagement.
4. Please attach or send separately your letter of nomination, any supporting documentation, and three supporting letters of recommendation by **February 22, 2019**. See the association criteria sheet for further details. The committee may, at its discretion, check references, including academic records and accomplishments, of a nominee.
5. I certify that I have researched the information disclosed on this nomination form, including relevant attachments, and to the best of my knowledge the information is accurate:

The Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Association strongly encourage nominations that reflect the diversity of our alumni.

_____ (Signature)

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