

# 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 Alumni Association Board of Directors Recognition Committee will consider the following areas, focusing primarily on career achievement:

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

The UMAA Board of Directors Recognition Committee will select the recipients and 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 considered for a political appointment.
- Executive officers of the University of Montana or staff of UMAA.
- Current members of the UMAA Board of Directors or trustees of the UM Foundation.
- Current UM 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 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 copies and online submissions is **Feb. 19, 2021**.
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 videos. 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 No. 2, must be postmarked or submitted electronically by **Feb. 19, 2021**. Hard copy nominations may be mailed to the UM Alumni Association, 106 Gilkey Building, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. Electronic nominations may be emailed to [DAA@umontana.edu](mailto:DAA@umontana.edu). For additional information or questions, please call the Alumni Office at 406-243-5211 or 877-UM-ALUMS (877-862-5867).

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD | 2021 Nomination Form

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 **Feb. 19, 2021**. 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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