

## Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Association Alumni Awards

### **General Criteria:**

To be considered for any alumni award, the individual must: (i) be active or distinguished in his/her business, profession, community service or other area; (ii) possess integrity and demonstrate such character that SFA faculty, staff, students, and alumni will be inspired by and take pride in his/her recognition; (iii) be a member in good standing of the SFA Alumni Association; and (iv) have received a degree or completed 60 credit hours at SFA.

Additionally, for consideration in the selection process, the individual must: (i) be a person who demonstrates continuing interest in SFA; (ii) reflects and recognizes the importance of his/her SFA education; (iii) demonstrates pride in our alma mater; (iv) displays interest and loyalty to the university; (v) is supportive of the SFA Alumni Association through volunteering and/or donations; and (vi) maintains a personal reputation and relationship with SFA to benefit both himself/herself and SFA.

**Distinguished Alumni Award Criteria:** The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 1966, to honor SFA graduates and former students who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to SFA. Nominees must not have been enrolled at SFA for a period of at least 25 years.

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award Criteria:** The Outstanding Young Alumni Award was established in 1989, to honor recent SFA graduates and former students who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to SFA. Nominees must not have reached his/her 41st birthday on or before January 1 of the award year.

**Lumberjack Pride Award Criteria:** The Lumberjack Pride Award was established in 2015, to honor SFA graduates and former students who demonstrate, in a very noticeable and almost infectious way, outstanding Lumberjack pride and spirit. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding Lumberjack pride and spirit. Currently enrolled students are not eligible for nomination.

**Nomination Process:** Any individual, member of the SFA Alumni Association or member of the SFA faculty and/or staff wishing to nominate an alumni for an award should include the completed nomination form and a résumé or biography of the nominee. Each nomination must be accompanied by at least one letter of recommendation. Nominations are accepted throughout the year, but must be submitted prior to March 15 for consideration in the particular award year.

**Selection Procedure:** The SFA Alumni Association Board of Directors selects recipients annually. The assistant director of the SFA Alumni Association is charged with accepting, filing, and presenting all eligible nominations. The executive director has discretion regarding the number of recipients who can be selected each year prior to voting. The recipient(s) will be chosen by ballot through a majority of the Board of Directors.

**Awards Recognition Procedure:** The elected recipient will be notified of his/her selection by the executive director. Each elected recipient is required to complete the Alumni Award Acceptance Agreement prior to the publication of the award recipients. The awards are presented to the elected recipients at a time and place to be determined by the SFA Alumni Association Board of Directors. The awards' traditional symbol is an axe or axe handle and will be presented during an awards reception.

**Automatic Ineligibility:** An individual is ineligible for nomination if he/she is (i) serving in a public office; (ii) a candidate for a political office; (iii) a current member of the SFA Board of Regents; (iv) a current member of the selection committee; (v) a previous recipient; and/or (vi) cannot be present when the award is presented, except in cases where an award may be conferred posthumously.

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**Discretion to Decline Nomination or Revoke a Prior Award:** The SFA Alumni Association determines if the majority of the SFA Community would be supportive of the nominee/prior recipient, and whether an award will reflect positively on SFA for the foreseeable future. The SFA Alumni Association has discretion to decline any nomination and/or revoke a prior award for various reasons, including, but not limited to, a reasonable determination that a nominee/prior recipient is, has, or becomes (i) involved in a high profile lawsuit; (ii) involved in highly controversial political or ethical issues; (iii) involved in a conflict, lawsuit, or other dispute with SFA, the members of the Board of Regents of SFA, or the members of the Board of Directors of the SFA Alumni Association; (iv) in violation of SFA Alumni Association policies, bylaws, or organizational rules; (v) engaged in misconduct that calls for disciplinary action by SFA; and/or (vi) commits any acts, omissions, or other conduct that is not in keeping with the ethical standards of SFA and the provisions of Federal and State Law applicable to SFA (including, without limitation, the standards imposed by Federal and State Statutes and regulations governing diversity, equal opportunity, and prohibited discrimination).



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

**ALUMNI**  
ASSOCIATION

**Deadline: March 15**

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TX 75962

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## Alumni Awards Nomination Form

Please type or print. Only completed forms will be considered. Attach your letter of recommendation.

If available, attach a recent photo of the nominee.

**Award:** (select one)    **Distinguished Alumni**    **Outstanding Young Alumni**    **Lumberjack Pride**

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alumni Member Type (if known):**    **Life Member**    **Annual Member**    **Birth Date:** (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Office:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Degree Earned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Does this person know he/she has been nominated?**    **Yes**    **No**

**Attached nominee's résumé or complete below:**

**Additional degrees from other institution(s)** (School, City, State, Degree)

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**SFA Affiliations:**

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**Career History:** (list from past to present)

Position/Organization/City/State/Year(s)

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**Career-Related Activities:** (consulting, current directorships)

Position/Organization/City/State/Year(s)

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**Creative Works:** (Books, Journals, Patents)

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**Civic, Political and/or Social Activities:**

Role/Organization/City/State/Year(s)

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**Military Record:** (active duty only) Highest Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards, Honors, Grants:**

Award Granting Body/City/State/Year(s)

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**Current Professional Memberships:**

Organization (do not abbreviate)/Office(s) Held

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Why do you feel this nominee is deserving of this award?

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**Nominated by:** (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_