

## **Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award**

### **CRITERIA:**

In general, the faculty member selected should most nearly satisfy the criteria for faculty excellence incorporating teaching, scholarly/creative and service activities. This includes:

- Knowledge of subject matter and interest in students; student evaluations
- Organization of classes and assignments
- Innovative instruction; fostering dynamic, effective learning atmosphere
- Accessibility to students; maintains standard “office hours”
- Integration of technology in teaching/learning experiences in classroom and online
- Research activities that enhance their knowledge and skills with respect to teaching and scholarly activity
- Letters from students, alumni, faculty and teaching colleagues
- Contribution to improvement of teaching at the university
- Faculty service, membership in professional organizations and activities
- Public service activities and committee work; community involvement
- Awards received

The recipient must be a tenured member of the SFA faculty. Academic administrators holding a position above that of a department chairman or director are not eligible.

He/She must be an active member of the faculty at the time of the award.

Scholarship, citizenship and contribution to academic excellence and to the overall program of SFASU is of such magnitude as to be judged by the selection committee and SFA Alumni Association as to cause wide recognition of SFASU of the highest rank.

He/She must be a member of the Alumni Association by the date of the award.

Evidence of involvement and support of the Alumni Association.

### **History of the Award**

The Distinguished Professor Award was established in 1966. Its purpose is to honor a current SFA faculty member who has made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the institution.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Any individual, member of the SFA Alumni Association, member of the SFASU faculty, staff or student body wishing to nominate a faculty member for this award should include the completed nomination form and a complete resume/biography of the nominee. No more than six letters of support (one from the individual nominating the professor and five additional) should accompany the nomination. Nominations must be received by the SFA Alumni Association no later than March 1 of the year in which the award is to be made. Nominations should be acknowledged, as soon as possible.

### **Selection Procedure**

The recipient is chosen by a group of the past three recipients of the Distinguished Professor Award for one vote along with the SFA Alumni Association Office, the Office of Development and the SFA Marketing Office, each having one vote to choose the recipient. The Assistant Director of the SFA Alumni Association shall be charged with accepting, filing, and presenting all bona fide nominations. The Executive Director will have discretion of how many recipients can be chosen each year prior to voting.

### **Automatic Ineligibility**

An individual shall be ruled ineligible to receive the award if the candidate is running for public office, serving in a public office, a previous recipient, and cannot be present at the time and place where the award is to be conferred except in cases of the award being conferred posthumously.

### **Awards Recognition Procedure**

This award is to be presented at the time and place to be determined by the SFA Alumni Association Board of Directors. Recipients will be presented an axe. A plaque will be displayed at the Tracie D. Pearman Alumni Center.



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Deadline: Mar. 1**

Return to  
SFA Alumni Association  
SFA Box 6096  
Nacogdoches, TX 76962-0001

## Distinguished Professor Award Nomination Form

Please type or print clearly. Only completed forms will be considered. (If available, a recent photo should be attached.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Professorial Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Degree Attained: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SFA Alumni:    Life Member    Annual Member

Education:	Earned Degree	School	City/State	Year(s)

Total Years Teaching at SFA: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Teaching Experience/Position at Other Institutions:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Recognition or Evidence of Outstanding Teaching:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Student Organizations/Scholastic Fraternities Sponsored:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Research Projects Completed: *(please attach a separate sheet if more space is needed)*  
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**Books or Articles Published:** *(please attach a separate sheet if more space is needed)*

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

Position	Organization	City/State	Year(s)

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

Role	Organization	City/State	Year(s)

**Special Awards, Recognition, Honors, Grants:**

Award	Granting Body	City/State	Year(s)

**Current Professional Memberships:**

Organization <i>(do not abbreviate)</i>	Office(s) Held

**Please attach selected Letters of Support:** *(not to exceed six)*

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

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

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

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