The MSU Alumni Association activates and supports the Bulldog Family, encouraging alumni, students, and friends to grow a lifelong connection with Mississippi State University and inspire their ongoing support toward each other and the university.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

Purpose: Identify, recognize, and award an individual who has committed time and energy in service to Mississippi State University and local community and has demonstrated an ability to excel both personally and professionally.

Eligibility: Persons eligible for the award shall be living Mississippi State University alumni who:

- are 35 years of age or younger at the end of the year in which they are nominated,
- attended Mississippi State University for at least one semester of undergraduate or graduate study,
- speak positively about Mississippi State and continually promote Mississippi State,
- stand ready to serve in the best interest of Mississippi State and the Alumni Association.

Award Selection Committee members, Mississippi State University Alumni Association staff and their immediate family members are ineligible to receive the award.

Factors to Consider:

- volunteer service to Mississippi State University (considered to be most important)
- commitment of volunteer time to civic and community organizations
- personal and professional accomplishments

Nominations:

- Nominees must be placed in formal nomination each year with a completed nomination form and one letter of nomination.
- Nominations can be made by any Mississippi State alumnus, faculty member, staff member, or student.
- Nominations should be submitted to the Assistant Director for Regional and Volunteer Engagement by mid-November each year.

Selection of Recipients: The Selection Committee shall be composed of members of the National Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. On or before December 15, one recipient shall be chosen from those nominated for the award.

Recognition of Recipients: Those selected to receive the Distinguished Service Award will be recognized at the annual Alumni Volunteer Awards Program.

*Past recipients and current members of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors are not eligible for this award.