



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS VOLUNTEER AWARD

Purpose: Identify, recognize, and award a young alumnus who has committed time and energy in service to the Mississippi State University Alumni Association and their 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,
- have documented volunteer service to the Mississippi State University Alumni Association and/or Mississippi State University (*considered to be most important*),
- speak positively about Mississippi State and continually promote Mississippi State.

Award Selection Committee members, current members of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors, Mississippi State University Alumni Association staff and their immediate family members, and past recipients and are not eligible for this award.

Factors to Consider:

- Service is in the best interest of Mississippi State University and the MSU Alumni Association.
- Commitment of volunteer service outside of MSU including civic, community, and non-profit 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 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award will be recognized during the annual Alumni Volunteer Awards Program.



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The selection committee will vote based solely on the information provided through this nomination form. Please provide the committee a good understanding of why the nominee is deserving by submitting a quality, detailed and professional nomination.

****You may use as many pages as necessary to provide detailed information.**

****Current members of the Alumni National Board of Directors are not eligible for this award.*

I. CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME: _____

II. ADDRESS: _____

III. DATE OF BIRTH: _____ BIRTHPLACE: _____

IV. OCCUPATION / EMPLOYER: _____

V. **CANDIDATE'S FAMILY:** List spouse's name (maiden name for ladies) and children's name(s). Indicate if spouse attended MSU.

VI. **EDUCATION:**

A. Colleges/universities attended.

List name(s) of school/college/university, degree, and year graduated or attended if did not graduate.

B. List organizations (with offices held) and awards and honors received while at the school(s) listed above.

VII. CANDIDATE'S RECORD OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

- A. List the candidate's volunteer service to the local alumni chapter/club, an MSU advisory council or volunteer network, the Alumni Association, and Mississippi State University. Be as specific as possible concerning dates of service, offices held, committee membership, etc.
- B. List the candidate's service to his/her community, state or nation, including recognition and honors received.

VIII. IMPACT OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

How has this candidate's service positively benefited and impacted the local alumni chapter/club, MSU advisory council or volunteer network, and thus the MSU Alumni Association and Mississippi State University? What sets this candidate apart from all other young alumni volunteers?

IV. CANDIDATE'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

List the candidate's professional accomplishments, including employment, membership in professional organizations, offices held, etc.

IX. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATE:

Provide information which will be beneficial to the candidate's nomination, such as outstanding traits, actions or deeds.

X. NOMINATOR'S STATEMENT:

I am pleased to nominate _____ for the

MSU Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

Signed: _____

Class year or year(s) attended MSU (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Please return the nomination form(s) to the MSU Alumni Association by
5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2026
c/o Michael Richardson, Assistant Director for Regional and Volunteer Engagement
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Mail – P.O. Box AA, Mississippi State, MS 39762