

## University Award Definitions

- **Distinguished Service:** awarded to BYU alumni who have given extraordinary service in the areas of their professions, community, nation, church or BYU. We are looking for balanced individuals who have offered service in several areas.
- **Young Alumni Distinguished Service:** awarded to BYU alumni (40 years or younger) who have given extraordinary service in the areas of their professions, community, nation, church and BYU. We are looking for balanced individuals who have offered service in several areas.
- **Service to Family:** awarded to BYU alumni for exceptional contributions rendered in service to families, whether in one's own home, community or nation. Award may be given to an individual, couple or family.
- **Honorary Alumni:** awarded to individuals who have not attended BYU but have rendered outstanding and significant service to BYU.
- **Emeriti:** awarded to BYU alumni (70 years or older) who have given extraordinary service in their mature years to their community, nation, church, profession or BYU. We seek balanced individuals who have rendered service in multiple areas.

### Those not eligible

- Nominee may not be a current BYU employee
- Nominee may not have been an Alumni Board member during the past three years
- Nominee may not be currently serving a mission
- Nominee may not be a current General Authority
- Nominee may not be currently serving in an elected or appointed political/public office
- Deceased individuals may not be nominated

## Award Selection Criteria

### External Criteria

The word 'outstanding' should be included in each award criteria statement in the brochure. A note would also be added to the bottom of the brochure reading:

Note: Outstanding service is interpreted as a contribution beyond the normal expectations of one's career, profession, family, or church.

### Internal Criteria

The following criteria will be considered by the committee when reviewing nominations:

1. **Good standing.** For LDS members, 'good standing' should mean BYU standards.
  - a. The Executive Director of the Alumni Association will be responsible for obtaining the assessment of good standing.
  - b. For non-LDS, good standing means equivalent of adherence to BYU standards.
2. **Age.** Significant service or contribution can be rendered by any ages and the committee will weigh this in their deliberations.
3. **Diversity and balance.** Careful attention should be paid to ensure that there is reasonable parity of representation among men and women nominees. Care should be taken to ensure that the awards reach into world wide regions where there may not be as many BYU alumni. Effort should be made to search out and identify worthy nominees from various ethnic and racial groups, particularly Native American, Hispanics, and African Americans.
4. **History of financial contribution to BYU.** Financial contribution to BYU should show only whether they have or have not given. This will enable the committee to determine continued interest in BYU.
5. **Awards to those serving in elective public office.** Nominees must have retired or finished their term in an elective office before being selected.
6. **Number of Alumni awards.** The number of awards which have been given in the past will stay approximately the same with the ability to give more or less determined by the number of nominees submitted.