

BYU Alumni Association
Awards Criteria and Selection Guidelines
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The College Honored Alumni Awards are designed to pay tribute to outstanding individuals from each college in a manner that cultivates the Spirit of the “Y.” By highlighting the lives of these extraordinary people, we hope to inspire students, faculty, staff, and friends of BYU to commit themselves more fully to excellence and to pursue the “full realization of human potential.”¹

The honoree:

- Must display or have displayed outstanding achievement in his or her profession.
- Must be a BYU alumnus or alumna from the college presenting the award. (Exceptions can be made for alumni not graduating from the college if the individual has given meaningful contributions to that college or field.)
- Should be able to present a lecture the week of BYU’s homecoming and attend various activities.
- The Alumni Association initiates administrative approval through the president’s office and ecclesiastical endorsement *before the honoree is notified*.

Selection guidelines:

- Alumni who are not living may not be nominated.
- Special circumstances allow an individual to be awarded more than once from a particular college, although it is recommended that the college actively seek new individuals and keep records of past recipients.
- Special circumstances allow an individual to be awarded after another college has awarded him or her in the past.
- A General Authority Seventy can be awarded. Please work with the Alumni Association for special approval guidelines. Members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles should not be considered for this award.
- A couple may be awarded together.
- The college should consider diversity when making selections.
- Please generate one or two alternates in case the honoree should decline.

¹ BYU Mission Statement