

## **WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **ALUMNUS OR ALUMNA OF THE YEAR AWARD**

#### **PURPOSE**

The objective of the Alumnus or Alumna of the Year Award is to honor persons who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the WVSU Alumni Association and demonstrated outstanding service to their community. It is the WVSUAA's premier expression of praise and esteem.

#### **Criteria for Nominees**

Alumni must meet the following criteria for consideration as the Alumnus or Alumna the Year of the WVSUAA:

1. Nominee must have graduated from West Virginia State University.
2. Nominee must be of great personal integrity, and held in high esteem by his or her colleagues in the WVSUAA.
3. Nominee must be a current financial member of the WVSUAA.
4. Nominee must have proven himself or herself outstanding in service to the University, and to his or her community, and evidenced career field achievements over a period of at least 5 years.
5. Posthumous awards may be made if death occurs after the date of nomination.
6. Nominee must not have received this award previously. (one time only)

#### **Criteria for Nominators**

Nominators must meet the following eligibility criteria to nominate Alumnus or Alumna of the year candidates:

1. An individual nominator must be a financial member of the West Virginia State University Alumni Association, Inc. Each individual nominator may name one person per year. A person may self-nominate, provided such nomination shall be endorsed by at least 2 letters of support by other alumni.
2. A nomination chapter must be chartered by the West Virginia State University Alumni Association, Inc. and may nominate one person per year. Nominations by a chapter shall not bar members from making their own separate individual nominations.
3. The Chairperson of the Alumnus/Alumna Committee will receive the nomination forms with attached resumes. He/she will then mail all documents to committee members with an evaluation form. Committee members will evaluate each candidate and submit their form to the Chairperson. The Chair will tally all votes to determine a winner.

**Selection/Election Committee**

This committee shall consist of the following:

1 Member of the National Executive Board of the WVSUAA

4 Members-at-Large

1 Past Alumnus Award Recipient

1 West Virginia State University Faculty/Staff member (WVSU graduate)

This selection/election committee shall name a chairman. The chairman of the committee shall be a member of the national executive board.