The Ohio State University Alumni Association awards recognize excellence and achievements among outstanding alumni who bring honor to the university. Anyone may nominate an Ohio State alumnus/alumna for recognition. An awards committee of The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA) reviews all nominations and makes recommendations to the OSUAA Board of Directors for ratification.

**Alumni Medalist Award** FOR NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CAREER ACHIEVEMENT
This is the single-highest honor bestowed by OSUAA. It’s presented to alumni who have gained national or international distinction as outstanding representatives of their chosen fields or professions, bringing significant benefit to humankind and extraordinary credit to the university.

Please consider the following areas when submitting your nomination:
- Career achievements
- Service to humanity
- Service to the community
- National or international distinction
- Broad professional impact
- Membership in the alumni association
- Participation in alumni activities

**Archie M. Griffin Professional Achievement Award** FOR CAREER SUCCESS
Awarded to alumni who have superb records of distinguished career accomplishments and who have made outstanding contributions to their professions.

Please consider the following:
- Career accomplishments
- Broad professional impact
- Significant publications/research (primary authorship) – *no more than five, please*
- Community service

**Dan L. Heinlen Award** FOR UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY
Presented to those who have realized outstanding achievements in advocating the interests of the university with one or more of its important audiences. It recognizes achievement in activities ranging from student and faculty recruitment, to advocacy with elected officials and opinion leaders on behalf of Ohio State.

Please consider the following:
- Outstanding advocacy for The Ohio State University with key constituent groups, for example:
  - Elected officials
  - University leadership/administration
- Recruitment of faculty and/or students

**Diversity Champion Award** FOR FOSTERING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
Presented to alumni who have made a significant and sustained contribution that fosters diversity and inclusion in their broader community and/or organization. Their efforts must recognize and respect the value of individual differences such as race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran or military service status, gender identity, economic status, political belief, marital status or social background.

Please consider the following areas:
- Cultivation and promotion of diversity initiatives that establish and foster a more inclusive and equitable community
- Outstanding efforts to promote an environment free from bias and discrimination
• Work that advances the cause of diversity through outreach efforts beyond the nominee’s organization
• Broad and deep impact on increasing the inclusivity of nominee’s communities

**Josephine Sitterle Failer Award** FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE BENEFITTING STUDENTS
Awarded to those whose voluntary personal involvement has enhanced the quality of student life at the university.

Please consider the following:
• Service to students
• Service to Ohio State
• If nominees are current university employees, it must be demonstrated that they have gone above and beyond assigned job duties.

**Robert M. Duncan Alumni Citizenship Award** FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
Presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves in service to humanity and who have best exemplified the university’s motto, “Education for Citizenship,” by having performed significant voluntary service to their community beyond the call of business or professional duty.

Please consider the following areas when submitting your nomination:
• Service to humanity
• Service to community, beyond business or professional interests

**Ralph Davenport Mershon Alumni Award** FOR SERVICE TO OHIO STATE
Presented to alumni who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to Ohio State. Nominees’ volunteer work should show a strong commitment to the university.

Please consider the following:
• Leadership and service to Ohio State
• Service to the alumni association
• Membership in the alumni association

**William Oxley Thompson Alumni Award** FOR EARLY CAREER ACHIEVEMENT
Awarded to young alumni who have demonstrated distinctive achievement in a career, civic involvement or both. Nominees must be 35 years or younger.

Please consider the following:
• Career achievements that set the nominee apart from peers
• Significant civic involvement
• Age 35 or younger