Alumni Awards Eligibility Criteria

- Has earned a degree from Northwestern University*
- Has not previously received an award in the category for which nomination is submitted
- Is living and physically able to attend the awards celebration in Chicago (no posthumous nominations)
- Is not currently a trustee (except for life trustees)
- Is not currently an elected member of the Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) board
- Candidates whose primary professional affiliation is with Northwestern University will not be considered for the Service Awards or Grant Goodrich Award

**ALUMNI MEDAL AWARD**

**Description:** the **Alumni Medal** is the highest award granted by the Northwestern alumni association to an alumnus/alumna who combines superior professional distinction and/or exemplary volunteer service to society, with an outstanding record of service and giving to Northwestern University.

**MERIT AWARD**

**Description:** an **Alumni Merit Award** is presented to alumni who distinguish themselves in their particular professions or fields of endeavor in such a way as to reflect credit upon their alma mater. The dean of each school selects his/her school's merit award winner. As you review the nominations, keep in mind the primary criteria: highest distinction in a particular profession or field of endeavor in such a way as to reflect credit on Northwestern University.

**SERVICE AWARD**

**Description:** an **Alumni Service Award** is presented to alumni in recognition of loyal voluntary service rendered to Northwestern University. Service may be provided either through the alumni association, an affiliated alumni group or through direct service to the administration and deans in an advisory capacity. Alumni giving is not a consideration in determining winners for the Service Award. Candidates whose primary professional affiliation is with Northwestern University will not be considered for the Service Award.

**SERVICE TO SOCIETY AWARD**

**Description:** the **Service to Society Award** is presented to one alumnus/alumna whose commitment to an ideal significantly enhances the welfare of the greater community. This is a more recently developed category of alumni recognition, which reflects the increasing emphasis in society on compassion and service to those in need, to those who suffer, to those who are less capable of helping themselves. The award is intended to recognize voluntary efforts in various arenas that contribute to the advancement of causes or the improvement of society, thereby contributing to the available human resources and services of the Northwestern University community. Alumni giving is not a consideration in determining the winner for this award. Candidates whose primary professional affiliation is with Northwestern University will not be considered for the Service Award.

**EMERGING LEADER AWARD**

**Description:** the **Emerging Leader Award** is presented to an alumnus/a who has made a significant impact in their profession and/or community at large since graduation. The nominee must be 35 years of age or younger at the time of the event.

**GRANT GOODRICH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Description:** the **Grant Goodrich Achievement Award** is presented to one outstanding individual who, although not a graduate of Northwestern University, greatly enhances the University through their professional accomplishments, commitment and service.

*With the exception of the Grant Goodrich Achievement Award winner.*