

## **Laureates Award Nomination Guidelines**

Nominations will be accepted using the following guidelines:

- 1. The Association of Rice Alumni provides Award Nomination Forms online at https://alumni.rice.edu/laureates-nomination-form.
- 2. In addition to completing and submitting the Award Nomination Form (required), nominators are encouraged to provide supporting items that further distinguish the nominee. Such items include, but are not limited to:
  - Letter of nomination written by the nominator (required)
    - For the Distinguished Alumni Award, consider the following question: Has this candidate advanced the value of his or her profession and demonstrated exceptional expertise and dedication; contributed significant professional innovations or research findings; or contributed significant voluntary contributions of energy, time, creativity, and skills for the advancement of the community welfare, the arts, education, social or government service?
    - o **For the Meritorious Award**, consider the following question: Has this candidate enriched some aspect of the Rice community through ongoing dedication and support and demonstrated commitment to the lifelong vitality of the University?
    - o For the Gold Medal Award, consider the following question: Has this candidate demonstrated outstanding service in promoting the ideals of the founder of the university, unusually deep dedication to and advancement of the academic excellence of the university, and uncommon generosity of time and means in support of the university?
  - Letters of support that specifically address the criteria. In addition, nominators are encouraged to provide the selection committee with supporting items that further distinguish the nominee. Such items include, but are not limited to:
    - o Current biography or curriculum vitae for the individual
    - Newspaper and magazine articles
    - Professional/civic activities
    - Personal stories
    - o Honors, awards or certificates of achievement
    - o Inventions/Innovations
    - Other items of interest
- 4. If you nominate a couple, the nominating and supporting letters must include sufficient information about both individuals to support their receiving the award jointly.
- 5. Nomination forms will be held for each individual for a period of three years. If an individual is not selected for the award, their Award Nomination Form may be updated and renewed by the original or other appropriate nominator for consideration in a subsequent year.
- 6. No limitation will be placed on the total number of nominations accepted for consideration.