

Alumni Service Award - Full Terms & Conditions

1. Sponsor

The People's Choice voting for the Alumni Service Award (the "Vote") is sponsored by American Public University System ("APUS"). Questions regarding the Vote may be directed to University Awards at universityawards@apus.edu.

2. Eligibility to Vote

Voting is open to individuals who:

- Are 18 years of age or older at the time of voting;
- Reside in the United States; and
- Submit a valid email address.

Employees, faculty, staff, alumni, students, nominees, and members of the public are eligible to vote. Voting is limited to one (1) vote per email address.

3. Eligibility of Nominees

Nominees are finalists selected through an open call process prior to the start of voting. To remain eligible, finalists must maintain good standing with the University throughout the voting period. APUS reserves the right to disqualify any finalist who no longer meets eligibility requirements, including violations of University policies or standards of conduct.

4. Voting Period and Mechanics

The voting period opens on March 2 at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) and closes on March 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Votes must be submitted through the official APUS voting form. Only one vote per email address will be accepted. Duplicate, fraudulent, automated, or otherwise invalid votes will be reviewed and removed at the discretion of APUS. APUS reserves the right to audit voting activity and invalidate votes that compromise the integrity of the process.

5. Determination of the People's Choice Winner

The Alumni Service Award finalists are determined by a University review committee through an open call and evaluation process. The final award recipient is selected solely through public voting.

The Alumni Service Award recipient will be the finalist who receives the highest number of valid votes during the voting period.

All voting results will be reviewed and finalized by the Office of the University President. In the event of a tie, the Office of the President will determine the winner. Decisions are final and binding.

6. Use and Retention of Information

Voters will be asked to provide their name and email address for voting verification purposes only. This information will not be used for marketing or shared with third parties. Voting records will be retained for one (1) year following the close of the voting period.

For additional information on APUS data practices, please review the University Privacy Policy at <https://www.apus.edu/privacy/>.

7. Publicity and Promotion

By participating, the Alumni Service Award winner agrees that APUS may use their name, likeness, photograph, and description of their achievements for promotional and recognition purposes, including but not limited to social media, University websites and blogs, and Commencement-related materials. Voters' names will not be published.

8. Award Details

The Alumni Service Award recipient will receive recognition, including travel and accommodations to attend the University Awards ceremony and a crystal trophy. No monetary prize is awarded.

Finalists will be notified of the results on April 1. The award will be formally recognized at the University Awards Luncheon on May 8, 2026. Attendance is not required to receive the award.

9. Modification, Suspension, or Cancellation

APUS reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the Vote if technical issues, integrity concerns, or other circumstances beyond its reasonable control compromise the fairness or proper operation of the voting process.

10. Limitation of Liability

By participating in the Vote, voters and nominees agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless American Public University System, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, or expenses arising out of or related to participation in the voting process, the administration of the Vote, technical failures, or the acceptance or use of the award, except where prohibited by law.

11. Governing Law

The Vote and these Terms & Conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia. The Vote is not a lottery, sweepstakes, or gambling activity.