

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Alum Award

The Alum Association Board of Louisville Seminary established the following Awards:

- **Distinguished Alum Award** is given to someone who has made a lasting impact on the Church and Society through outstanding professional, volunteer, or philanthropic accomplishments; and/or who has advanced the Seminary's mission thereby enhancing Louisville Seminary's impact on the faith community and future generations of students.
- **First Decade Distinguished Alum Award** is awarded to a recent graduate who has made a significant impact in the Church and his/her community in the first five to nine years of ministry and service after seminary.

Criteria

- Demonstrates strong leadership with committed dedication to faithfulness and effectiveness in their calling and/or vocation(s).
- A strong advocate for the mission and vision of Louisville Seminary, showing passion and interest in her present and future.
- Models an active spiritual life and demonstrates an ethic of care and compassion in their personal and professional life with a balance of confidence and humility.
- Focused on service to others, showing leadership and giving back to the community. Contributing to the society around them modeling outstanding professional, voluntary, or philanthropic accomplishments.

Eligibility

- Is an Alum of the Seminary with an earned degree
 - no more than one award per year can be awarded to an Alum posthumously
 - no more than one award per year can be awarded to a current member of staff, faculty, or administration
- Has been out of seminary at least ten years at time of consideration (except for the First Decade Award candidates)
- Not a current member of the Board of Trustees or Alum Board
- Nominators shall nominate no more than one candidate for consideration per year for the purpose of diversity in nominations and representation. If multiple candidates are

nominated by the same person in the same year, the task force will only consider the first completed application in the order they arrive.

Selection Process

- The current year's nomination form should be used to make a nomination and must be received electronically or postmarked by the deadline date.
- The Engagement Committee of the Alum Board receives and reviews all nominations
- Members of the Distinguished Alum Task Force of the Engagement Committee will be ineligible to nominate for the years they are receiving and recommending nominations.
- Nominees are considered and chosen based on the nomination form that is submitted along with any materials that accompany the form, and/or additional information secured in the review process.

The Engagement Committee of the Alum Board presents names to the full Alum Board for vote

The Engagement Committee of the Alum Board, carefully reviews all nomination materials it receives so that it can make its recommendation to the spring meeting of the Alum Board, which officially names the Distinguished Alum Award. Normally, the Committee recommends only three alum be honored annually, and will award no more than one First Decade Award in each year. First decade awards will be considered but not necessarily awarded every year. In years where there are a plethora of nominees, those not chosen will be held for consideration for up to three years after the original nomination date.

The Alum Board will actively seek nominees for the award, as early as January 1. The Engagement Committee considers nominations based on the criteria listed above. In the past, recipients have been recognized for "distinguished service in a particular ministry," as well as "lifetime achievement."

The Committee emphasizes the importance of a complete nomination, which must include adequate information describing the person's history and work, as well as at least two letters of recommendation. All information must be submitted to the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Please be advised that the Committee can only review, and make its recommendation to the Alum Board based on the materials sent to them. Therefore, a careful, thoughtful and complete nomination is most helpful in the selection process.

Deadline for Consideration

The deadline for submission of *all materials*, including letters of recommendation, is **May 1st**.

Please complete the form included with this packet. The form and any letters of recommendation may be submitted electronically to astevens@lpts.edu, or they may be mailed to:

Louisville Seminary
Office of Institutional Advancement
1044 Alta Vista Road
Louisville, KY 40205

All materials submitted electronically must be *received* by **May 1st**.
All materials submitted by U.S. mail must be *postmarked* by **May 1st**.

Please contact Carla Anderson with any questions at canderson@lpts.edu or (502) 992-9353.

The committee will notify nominators as to whether their candidate is under consideration.

Presentation of the Award

The Distinguished Alum Awards will be presented each year during Louisville Seminary Alum Reunion. The Distinguished Alums and their guest will be our guest during the reunion.

*Alum Association of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Distinguished Alum Guidelines Approved April 26, 2010
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Distinguished Alum Nomination Form

All materials must be received electronically or postmarked by: **May 1st**

Your Name (Nominator) _____

If an LPTS Alum, Class/Degree (not required to nominate) _____

Your Address (Nominator) _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Phone: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

To nominate an Alum, please provide the following information:

Name of Nominee _____

Class/Degree _____

Address of Nominee _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Phone: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

1. What has the nominee done to distinguish themselves since graduating from Louisville Seminary? Using the criteria identified in the guidelines, describe the history and work of your nominee. In addition, please include a curriculum vitae or resume and a list of the positions the person has held and / or where they have served.

2. Please invite at least two other persons to submit personal letters of endorsement, and please note below from whom they are expected. They must be received by **May 1**. (Note: It is not the responsibility of the Alum Office or Engagement Committee to contact these persons if their endorsements are not received.)

The Committee will receive letters of endorsement from the following persons:

Reference 1 _____ (____) _____
Name Phone

Street Address City/State Zip

Reference 2. _____ (____) _____
Name Phone

Street Address City/State Zip