



**WILLIAMSON**  
ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD**

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented by the Williamson Association of Alumni (WAA) to a Williamson alumnus who has demonstrated significant achievement in the trades, has engaged in meaningful community-based service, and has demonstrated the importance of the Williamson education and loyalty to the school through active alumni engagement.

### **Criteria:**

- Alumnus of Williamson in good standing with the school community.
- Demonstrated achievement in trades and/or business community (i.e. promotions or recognition within trades or business, continued education/certifications, entrepreneurship, etc.)
- Community-based service (i.e. board member, key volunteer, or ambassador for community organization/s, non-profit, church, etc.)
- Demonstrates the importance of a Williamson education and loyalty to Williamson through active alumni volunteerism and participation and/or through ongoing philanthropic support.

### **Requirements of Nominee:**

- Must attend award presentation and give a prepared acceptance speech of 3-5 minutes.
- Must be willing to promote the award presentation to classmates, colleagues, etc. and encourage attendance at presentation.
- Must be willing to participate in assembly or presentation to Williamson students to highlight personal achievements, reinforce the importance of the core values, and encourage continued support of Williamson after graduation.

### **Restrictions:**

- Alumni currently serving in a WAA leadership position cannot be considered for nomination until term of service is complete.
- Former students who did not successfully graduate from Williamson cannot be considered for this award.
- Award may be presented to only one nominee per year.

### **Award Presentation:**

- Alumni Awards will be presented on or around Alumni Day/Alumni Weekend.

### **Nomination for Awards:**

- Once a year, typically between July and November, the WAA through appropriate communication media via Williamson's Institutional Advancement Office will invite nominations for the award to be conferred in that year.
- Anyone (alumni, staff, faculty, students) may submit nominations directly to the Alumni Office.
- All nominations will be held in confidence.

- Nominees for awards will be considered for up to three years, the year in which they are nominated and, if they are not selected in that year, again in the following two years.

**Award Nomination Submission and Selection:**

- All nominations will be held in confidence.
- All nominations must be submitted to the WAA via the Director of Alumni Relations by the stipulated deadline.
- All complete nomination submissions will be compiled and shared (via USPS and email) with all previous recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.
- Previous award recipients will submit (via USPS or email) their top two (2) nominees from submitted nominations to the WAA Award Committee via the Williamson Director of Alumni Relations.
- The WAA Awards Committee Chair will bring the recommendations from the previous award recipients to the WAA Executive Leadership Team for final review and selection by consensus.
- The WAA/Alumni Office will confirm acceptance of nomination with the awardee
- Award winners will be announced in early January.
- Nominations submitted outside of this process will not be considered.

*All award processes and procedures will be reviewed annually by the WAA Award Committee. The WAA reserves the right to consider and implement updates or changes to the processes and procedures to best serve Williamson alumni and the school.*

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