

**SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA COMMUNITY
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD BY-LAWS
ELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

Election to the Southern Columbia Area Community Distinguished Alumnus Award:

The Southern Columbia Area Distinguished Alumnus Award was created to give recognition to and highlight the professional achievements and/or service to society of outstanding alumni who could serve as role models for the children in the community.

I. Eligibility of the Nominee:

- A. Must have attended the Southern Columbia Area High School or a high school within the present school district boundaries and must have graduated at least 10 years prior to being inducted.
- B. Must have excelled in his/her career, and/or has achieved local, statewide, national, or international recognition.
- C. Must have high moral standards and serve as a role model for our youth and demonstrate that goals are achieved through persistence, dedication and knowledge.
- D. Any attendee, regardless of sex, color, race, national origin or sexual orientation, is eligible for nomination.
- E. An eligible candidate who is deceased may be nominated for consideration as a Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.

II. Election as a Distinguished Alumnus:

- A. The nominator shall submit an application or resume highlighting the nominee's biographical information.
- B. The application or resume shall contain the following:
 - 1. Contact information of the nominator and the nominee
 - 2. A short biography of the nominee listing the nominee's accomplishments in chronological order. Examples of accomplishments are:
 - a. Education beyond high school

- b. Employment
- c. Awards, honors and other achievements
- d. Articles, reports, papers and books with titles and date of publication
- e. Community service
- f. Military service.

3. A picture of the nominee (after selection only)

- C. The resume shall be submitted to the Distinguished Alumnus Award Committee no later than June 30 to be eligible for the fall Induction Ceremony.
- D. The resume of an unsuccessful nominee will be retained and re-evaluated for future consideration for up to three (3) years, at which time, the nominee's name will be eliminated. The nominator may update the resume at any time.
- E. The Distinguished Alumnus Award Committee shall determine the eligibility of all nominees.
- F. The Distinguished Alumnus Award Committee shall select the inductees for the fall Induction Ceremony at the Southern Columbia Area High School.
- G. Names of individuals to be inducted as Distinguished Alumnus Award winners will be announced to the media prior to the annual induction ceremony.
- H. Inductees will be presented with a plaque in recognition of their election as a Distinguished Alumnus.
- I. A picture plaque and/or digital display of each inductee will be placed in the *Hall of Distinguished Alumni* located in the Southern Columbia Area High School.

J. The actual date of the presentation of the candidates at the Induction Ceremony will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

III. Honorary Inductee

A person whose roots were in the Southern Columbia Area Community and who attended the Southern Columbia Area Schools (prior to high school), may be inducted if he or she meets the standards and is selected by the governing board of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.