Distinguished Service Awards FAQs

Who qualifies to win the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award?

Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award meet the following four qualifications:

- Completed at least 12 credit hours and be members of the UK Alumni Association (alumni recipients only)
- Demonstrated a history of diligent work for the University of Kentucky, which may be in support of the UK Alumni Association and/or other colleges and units of the university
- Provided leadership and dedication to the university, alumni association programs, and/or work with their respective college.
- Provided meaningful service to their communities and professions

Nominations are considered for three years.

Please use bullet point format for responses. A maximum of 250 words for each response is expected.

Question 1: To adequately respond to the first question, the nominator needs the nominee's relevant UK Alumni Association involvement history (Club membership, Board of Directors Involvement; include years of service when known). Examples of this information are:

President, Central Texas Alumni Club, 2009-2012
Board of Directors, UK Alumni Association 2012-2016
Member of Scholarships Committee, UK Alumni Association
Led recruiting efforts to raise Central Texas club numbers from 40 members to 160.

Question 2: To adequately respond to the second question, the nominator needs to have a grasp of nominee's involvement with the University from a broad perspective (Monetary Donations, College Alumni Boards, involvement with academic programs, athletics, mentorship, advisory boards, Board of Trustees, etc.)

UK Board of Trustees member, 2000-2006 Consistently attends College Nights. Hosts send-off party each year for incoming students. Serves as Mentor for College of Engineering students Funded endowed scholarship for minority students in the College of Engineering

Question 3: To adequately respond, Description of Service to Community, the nominator needs to understand the nominee's involvement with their local community. (Involvement with church, local charities, city commissions, advisory committees, mentorship programs, civic organizations, etc.)

Historic Preservation Council, City of Paducah, 2012-2014
United Way of Paducah
Finance Committee Chair, St. Peter's Church
Mentor's high school students on the importance of budgeting and money management
Coaches 11-12 year old Baseball team. Funds annual trip to either Dallas, Myrtle Beach or Orlando