

University of Maine School of Forest Resources Distinguished Alumnus Award Criteria and Procedures

This annual award is made by the School of Forest Resources faculty in recognition of distinguished service to the profession and society. Such service and recognition may have been made in any educational, technological, scientific or professional area directly related to the professional areas in the School including Forestry, Forest Operations, Bioproducts and Bioenergy and Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Purpose: To recognize significant contributions by alumni from the School of Forest Resources, and earlier administrative structures of these professional disciplines.

Distinguished Alumnus Award Qualifications: The criteria for selection of Distinguished Alumnus Award are significant contributions and service to the profession, and a widely regarded reputation within the profession.

- Examples could include: Activities that demonstrate continuing commitment and leadership in the profession that include some of the following; (1) past or current officer of a professional society (e.g. SAF, SWST, IASNR); (2) leadership in industry, government, academia or non-profit organizations; and/or (3) service to the profession, the University and society. Significant professional accomplishments in teaching, research and public service that advance the profession at the regional, national, or international scale.

The recipient of this award will receive a commemorative plaque and will be asked to deliver a presentation (15-30 minutes) on some aspect of their work, interests and/or career reflections at the School of Forest Resources annual spring Awards/Scholarship banquet, usually held in late April at the University of Maine.

Procedures:

1. Director will solicit nominations broadly via faculty, alumni, school newsletter, and other media. Nomination would be due to the Director by November 1 each year, in writing, to include name of the nominee including current position and degree(s) and year of graduation, a brief write-up (<1 page) of the merits of the nominee, and a CV if available for the nomination but NOT required.
2. A committee consisting of current program leaders plus the CRSF Director will evaluate nominations and make a ranked top three recommendation to the faculty.
3. During December faculty meeting, the ranked nominees will be discussed and the recipient formally voted on by full faculty.
4. Director will notify the recipient following the faculty vote and invite them to the spring Awards/Scholarship banquet. If the selected individual is not available, the award will go to the next ranked individual and the top ranked nominee will remain on the list of nominees for 3 subsequent years. Exceptions can be made in individual cases by the reviewing committee. The reviewing committee will remove names from the nomination list after 3 years unless a nominator is willing to update the background information.
5. The nominee's name will be added to a plaque prominently displayed in Nutting Hall and the website updated.