



## Distinguished Awards Nomination Form

Concordia University Chicago's Alumni Association annually honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their fields of endeavor, their communities, their churches, and who exemplify the University's core values of Christian Faith, The Individual, Excellence, Integrity, and Service.

These awards celebrate those who have enhanced the prestige of the University by virtue of their character, integrity, and personal accomplishments. They have achieved remarkable personal and professional achievement as evidenced by a sustained and significant wide-spread reputation and recognition among their peers.

### AWARD DEFINITIONS

The Alumni Association is honored to celebrate alumni and friends through four honors:

#### **Distinguished Alumni – Undergraduate & Graduate**

Individuals whose service to the church and community has brought honor to their alma mater through their vocation since completion of their degree.

#### **NEW Graduate of the Last Decade**

Individuals who completed their degree within the past ten years and have made a significant impact through their vocations in the church, family, and the world.

#### **NEW “One Heart” Award**

Individuals who did not graduate from Concordia-Chicago but embody its core values, excel in their chosen vocation, and expand Concordia-Chicago's impact through their association.

#### **Spiritus Christi**

Individuals who have performed their responsibilities with unusual effectiveness, influence, and highest quality of service to the Church at large. Their character, integrity and actions directly and profoundly improve the quality of life for others.

*These awards will be only given when an individual nominated meets the merits of the awards and may not be selected every year.*

## **AWARD SELECTION PROCESS**

CUC's Alumni Association awards committee solicits award nominations throughout the year and reviews materials submitted for each candidate. The committee then determines those persons whose achievements most closely fit the criteria for the award and deemed most deserving of recognition. These individuals are then recommended to the Association's Board of Directors. Subsequently the Foundation Board of Directors and University's Board of Regents confirm approval of recommended individuals for honoring.

Deliberations of the awards committee and the board are kept confidential. Awardees are expected to make every effort possible to attend and accept their award in person at Maroon & Gold, held annually on the last Saturday of September.

Nominees may fit criteria for more than one award. Individuals are encouraged to discern and deliberate which award best fits selection.

## **DISTINGUISHED AWARD NOMINATION PROCESS**

To nominate an individual for any of CUC's Distinguished Awards, please review this information and submit it for consideration by December 1 to be considered for the next year's award cycle. To be included in deliberation, nominations must include:

- The completed nomination form.
- Letters of support (strongly encouraged) from others who know the nominee and his/her accomplishments. A description of what letters should include follows.

## **NOMINEE LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

Letters that comment knowledgeably on an individual's specific achievements are helpful in the consideration of a candidate. Possible contacts include professional colleagues, former students, former classmates, and friends. Answers to the following questions should be included in the letters of support:

- What is your relationship to the candidate and how have you gained your knowledge of his/her accomplishments?
- Which of your candidate's achievements fulfill the criteria for the award to which he/she is nominated?
- What impact has your candidate had on the profession, service, or community in which he/she has been active? In general terms, please explain the impact of the candidate's work.

- Has your candidate's work had an influence on the broader community beyond his/her own sphere of vocational or volunteer achievement?
- Why is this an appropriate time for the individual's achievements to be recognized?

**Please do not inform candidates that they are under consideration;** as only a limited number of awards are presented each year.

**Nomination materials should be directed to:**

Distinguished Awards  
Attn: Office of Alumni Relations  
Concordia University Chicago  
7400 Augusta Street River Forest, IL 60305

**Alternately, materials may be emailed to [alumni@CUChicago.edu](mailto:alumni@CUChicago.edu)**



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

1864 Office of Alumni Relations, 7400 Augusta St., River Forest, IL 60305-1402

**DISTINGUISHED AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

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Nominee (please print nominee name)

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Nominator (please print your name)

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Concordia Class(es) or Years Attended

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Nominator Relationship to Nominee

Please read the description of each award before making your recommendations and make sure that your statement of nomination clearly explains, in full, how your candidate fulfills the criteria contained in the award description.

**NOMINATED FOR:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritus Christi                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate of the Last Decade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Alumni - Undergraduate | <input type="checkbox"/> One Heart Award             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Alumni - Graduate      |  |

*The submission deadline for consideration during the coming year is December 1. (Example: Nominations for 2022 must be received by December 1, 2021). Nominations are accepted each year and are kept under advisement for five (5) years from date of receipt.*

**QUALIFICATIONS**

*(Please use additional sheets or attach materials if desired)*

**Nominee Education and Training:**

**Achievement in occupation:** *(please include professional memberships and experience)*

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**Service to society beyond occupation:** *(please include honors and distinctions)*

**Service to church:**

**Your personal statement and reasons for the nomination:**

**REFERENCES FOR THE NOMINATION**

*(Please provide no more than two individuals who will write letters in support of your candidate)*

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Reference Name 1

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Reference Name 2

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City, State, Zip

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