

## JA Alumnus of the Year Award Criteria

### I. Purpose

- A. The purpose of the Alumnus of the Year Award is to recognize outstanding achievement by past participants in Junior Achievement's K-12 programs.

### II. Eligibility for award

- A. Alumni/alumnae of Junior Achievement in the United States will be eligible.
- B. Definition of an alumnus:
1. An alumnus is any person who participated as a student in any Junior Achievement program in the United States in grades K-12.
  2. Junior Achievement volunteers, staff, board members or funders, past or present are ineligible for this particular award, unless he or she was also a Junior Achievement student in grades K-12.
  3. Nominees must be at least 18-years-old and no longer attending K-12 school to be considered for this award.

### C. To be considered a candidate:

1. The nominee shall have distinguished himself or herself in his or her chosen professional field of endeavor.
2. The nominee shall have made significant contributions to his or her community, on a local, state, national or international level.
3. The nominee shall have demonstrated integrity in his/her personal life.
4. The nominee shall be able to articulate how his or her Junior Achievement experience contributed significantly to success later in life.
5. While not mandatory, special consideration will be given to those nominees who are current or past supporters of Junior Achievement as donors, board members and/or volunteers.

### III. Number of Recipients

- A. One JA Alumnus of the Year recipient for 2015 shall be chosen from a list of nominations submitted electronically through the JA.org website.
- B. Only nominations submitted electronically will be considered for this honor.

### IV. Nominations

- A. Nominations will be solicited through Junior Achievement Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn feeds.
- B. Nominations may be submitted by:
1. Anyone can nominate a candidate for this award.
  2. Candidates can also self-nominate.
- C. All nominations must be submitted at [JA.org](http://JA.org) by 11:59pm ET on January 31, 2015.

## V. Selection of recipients

- A. The JA Brand Advisory Group composed of JA representatives from local Junior Achievement offices will make the final selection of the Alumnus of the Year Award from a list of submitted nominees that has been vetted by the JA Brand Team at Junior Achievement USA.

## VI. Presentation of award

- A. The award will be presented to the awardee at a time and place that is mutually agreeable to the awardee and Junior Achievement organization prior to June 30, 2015. If no time or place is determined to be acceptable by that date, Junior Achievement USA will ship the award to the awardee.
- B. The award for the recipient will consist of a plaque and letter of congratulations from Junior Achievement USA.
- C. Additionally, a \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded in the JA Alumnus of the Year's name to a high school senior participating in Junior Achievement in the honoree's current city of residence, or closest metropolitan area with Junior Achievement programs should the honoree's city not have Junior Achievement.
- D. The student receiving the scholarship will be determined by the local Junior Achievement office. The student recipient cannot be a relative of the JA Alumnus of the Year, nor a relative of the JA Alumnus of the Year's business partners, employees or associates.
- E. Junior Achievement USA reserves the right to rescind the JA Alumnus of the Year award and the student scholarship should it be determined there has been a violation of this criteria or any party has not acted in good faith or within the spirit of this awards process.