



## Northwest Florida State College Alumni Award Program

Recognizing outstanding alumni is one way the Northwest Florida State College Foundation shows its commitment to showcasing the impact of NWF State College on the personal and professional lives of its graduates and the community in which it serves. These honorees represent the thousands of alumni who contribute in countless ways to business, education, the arts and society. These individuals are honored because they personify the NWF State College tradition of excellence, bringing distinction to themselves and to NWF State College through their outstanding achievements.

### **Nomination Process:**

Any alumnus, college volunteer, community member, faculty, staff or emeriti faculty/staff member may nominate individuals for the award. Applications may be submitted to the Foundation Office in person, by mail, or email. Nominators are encouraged to use the Alumni Award Nomination Form.

### **Alumni Award Eligibility:**

Open to all OWJC, OWCC, OWC and/or NWFSC ("NWFSC") alumni who have earned at least 20 credit hours from NWFSC, earned a degree or completed a certificate program from NWFSC or another institution and meets one or more of the following eligibility criteria:

- **Distinguished Alumni** - Is a true success story in a state or national arena.
- **Against the Odds** - Has achieved success despite adversity.
- **Rising Star** - Is under 40 years of age, a success story with potential for achievement in a state or national arena.
- **Hometown Hero** - Has achieved success within nominating college's district and demonstrated notable community involvement

### **Ineligibility:**

The following groups are not eligible to receive Northwest Florida State College Alumni Awards.

- Previous Award Winners (same category)
- Current NWF State College Employees or immediate family of employees
- Current elected officials
- Current members of the college board of trustees or immediate family of trustees
- Current members of the college foundation board of directors or immediate family of directors
- Posthumous nominations
- Self-nominations

### **Selection Committee:**

The selection committee shall be comprised of NWF State College Foundation Board members who are currently serving on the Development Committee, representatives from the Alumni Association, campus administration, faculty, staff and students. The selection committee shall be responsible for reviewing and ranking the finalists.

**Selection Process:**

All nominations will be collected by NWF State College Foundation staff who will determine minimum eligibility. Nominations will then be forwarded to a group comprised of three to five members of the Development Committee and Alumni Association who will further vet the nominations and select finalists. Foundation staff will review finalists, collect additional information as needed and write an executive summary for uniformity. The larger group will meet for further review and discussion of the finalists. The winner(s) will be forwarded as recommendations to the NWF State College Foundation Board for endorsement.

All eligible nominees not selected in the current year may be re-nominated for consideration in subsequent years. Candidates may be re-nominated indefinitely.

**2024 – 2025 Alumni Awards Timeline**

**October 31, 2024** – “Call for Nomination” promotional material distributed (email, press release, social media)

**March 17-21, 2025 NWFSC Spring Break**

**March 27, 2025** – Deadline for nominations

**April 1, 2025** – Applications and grid distributed to small Alumni Working Group

**April 15, 2025** – Alumni Working Group meets to vet applications

**April 24, 2025** – Executive summaries presented to Development Committee, and distributed to other members of Selection Committee

**May 6, 2025** – Final selections presented to Foundation Board

**May 13, 2025** – Congratulatory letter mailed to winners (letter to include date for Scholars and Donors Luncheon)

**Fall, 2025** – Scholars & Donors Luncheon; recognize 2025 winner(s) and past recipients