

AWARD NAME: Texas A&M University System Faculty/Staff Veteran Support Excellence Award

CRITERIA: The selection committee will consider but is not limited to the following criteria:

- Direct support for the academic, personal and/or professional growth of student veterans.
- The development, implementation or continued support of one or more programs that enhance student veteran success.
- Serves as an advocate for student veterans or veteran issues.
- ONE faculty or staff member will receive the award annually.

ELIGIBILITY: Only those who meet the following will be considered for the award:

- Full-time faculty or staff member at any TAMUS Campus.
- Staff from the TAMUS Office of Veteran Services are not eligible.

NOMINATION:

- Any TAMUS campus faculty, staff or student can nominate a faculty or staff member through the campus veteran services office.
- Self-nominations are not considered.
- A maximum of ONE Letter of Support may be submitted with the award form. This letter cannot exceed 1 page with size 11 or larger font.
- Notice of award submissions will be made in early January each year. The nomination window will typically be open from mid-January to the end of February each year.

SELECTION:

- The selection committee will be directed and led by the TAMUS Office of Veteran Services Program Coordinator. It will consist of the following four additional members who are recommended by the TAMUS OVS Program Coordinator and approved by the Director:
 - o 2 TAMUS Staff Member volunteers
 - o 1 current student veteran leader from any TAMUS campus
 - o 1 of the campus veteran services officer staff (NOTE – The campus student and staff member cannot be from the same campus)
- Selection will take place during the month of March. Notification and award presentation(s) will normally take place in April/May each year.

RECOGNITION: Each recipient will receive:

- Certificate and plaque
- \$250 donation awarded to the recipient's local student veteran association or campus veteran services office to support a student veteran function.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS: The campus veteran services office is expected to provide a short story or video of the award ceremony.