

AWARD NAME: Texas A&M University System Student Veteran Excellence Awards

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

- Service to campus and/or community.
- Exemplifies the core values of the campus or military services.
- Serves as an advocate for student veterans or veteran issues.
- TWO students will receive the award annually.

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

- Full-time graduate or undergraduate student (this may be waived for a student veteran in their final semester).
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 (either cumulative or in each of the last 2 semesters).
- Verified current or former military status (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve or veteran who possesses any discharge characterization except Dishonorable Discharge).

NOMINATION:

- Any TAMUS campus faculty, staff or student can nominate a student veteran 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.
- Verification of service and unofficial transcript must be submitted by the campus veteran services office to the TAMUS Office of Veteran Services no later than the submission deadline.
- 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.