

## Texas A&M University System Student Veteran Excellence Award

### **Purpose**

This award recognizes outstanding student veterans across The Texas A&M University System who demonstrate exemplary service, leadership, advocacy, and commitment to their campus and/or broader community.

### **Selection Criteria**

The selection committee will consider the following factors:

- Meaningful service to campus and/or the broader community
- Demonstrated alignment with campus core values and/or military values
- Advocacy on behalf of student veterans and/or the broader military-connected student community

*One student will be selected annually.*

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Nominees must:

- Be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (this requirement may be waived for student veterans in their final semester)
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (or a 3.00 GPA across the two most recent semesters)
- Have verified current or prior military service (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, or Veteran with a discharge status other than Dishonorable)

### **Nomination Process**

- Any Texas A&M University System faculty, staff, or student may submit a nomination through their campus veteran services office
- Self-nominations are not accepted
- One Letter of Support may be submitted (maximum one page, 12-point font)
- The campus veteran services office must submit verification of military service and an unofficial transcript to the TAMUS Office of Veteran & Military Services by the stated deadline

Award submission notices are distributed in early January. The nomination window typically runs from mid-January through the end of February.

### **Selection Process**

The selection committee will be chaired by the Director of the TAMUS Office of Veteran & Military Services and will include:

- Two Texas A&M University System staff volunteers
- One current student veteran leader from any TAMUS campus
- One campus veteran services staff member (the student and staff representative may not be from the same campus)

Selection occurs in March, with award notifications and presentations typically held in April or May.

### **Recognition**

Each recipient will receive:

- A certificate and plaque
- A \$250 donation to their campus student veteran organization or campus veteran services office to support a student veteran-focused initiative

### **Marketing & Communications**

Campus veteran services offices are expected to provide a short written feature or brief video highlighting the recipient and award presentation.

# **Texas A&M University System Faculty & Staff Military-Connected Support Excellence Award**

## **Purpose**

This award honors a faculty or staff member within The Texas A&M University System who has demonstrated exceptional commitment supporting the academic, personal, and professional success of military-connected students, including veterans, service members, and military-affiliated family members.

## **Selection Criteria**

The selection committee will consider the following:

- Direct support of students' academic, personal, and/or professional development
- Development, implementation, or sustained leadership of programs or initiatives that enhance student success
- Advocacy on behalf of student veterans and/or the broader military-connected student community

*One faculty or staff member will be selected annually.*

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Nominees must:

- Be a full-time faculty or staff member at a Texas A&M University System institution
- Not be employed by the TAMUS Office of Veteran & Military Services

## **Nomination Process**

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- One Letter of Support may be submitted (maximum one page, 12-point font)

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## **Marketing & Communications**

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