

The Inspirational Young Alumnus Award recognizes significant contributions by an individual, whether through professional achievement or community service.

Recipients demonstrate a commitment to excellence in post-academic life and an ongoing commitment to professional work, research, multicultural relations and/or volunteerism, while being recognized as an emerging leader.

Special consideration will be given to nominees who demonstrate significant initiative by starting innovative service projects, research, businesses or other original enterprises in or out of the workplace that show potential for continued success.

Nomination Requirements

1. The nominee must be under 40 years old, be a UNM graduate and set an inspirational example for future young alumni.
2. A current curriculum vitae and/or resume should be submitted.
3. The nomination must include a statement listing the reasons the nominee should be considered for the award.
4. The nomination must cite specific examples of service or achievement as appropriate under the qualities described.
5. The nomination must include one letter of support (up to three may be submitted).

The nominee should possess many or all of the following qualities:

1. Professional achievements demonstrating a high level of professional excellence, resulting in significant career advancement at the local, regional, national or global level.
2. Outstanding achievement in the nominee's field of endeavor, related to innovative, intensive and thorough research or creative work.
3. Community involvement and volunteerism demonstrated through concern and commitment to society and through civic and social responsibility beyond the call of professional duty.
4. Utilization of knowledge, skills, resources and time to create a clear, positive impact on their chosen community need or issue.
5. Outstanding leadership capabilities and the proven ability to enact meaningful change as a leader in the nominee's profession or community. (local, regional, national, global).
6. Intercultural competency and demonstrated engagement with diverse populations through service, volunteerism, or professional contributions in local, regional, national, or global settings.