

# FULLER AWARD Nomination Form

The Establishment of the Alumni Association Fuller Award

*The Fuller Award is named for Dr. H. Moren Fuller who is credited with playing a significant role in establishing the School of Dentistry. In 1947, the state legislature granted funds for the establishment of the dental school due, in part, to the efforts of Dr. Fuller. The first Fuller Award was awarded in 1955 to Dr. Fuller himself.*

*The Fuller Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to the dental profession. The award is given occasionally when an individual's contributions and outstanding achievements to the dental profession are judged by the Executive Council of the Alumni Association to be especially significant and deserving of this honor.*

**Deadline: November 1, 2023**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE NOMINEE:

- QUESTIONNAIRE
- 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS
- VITAE` or RESUME`
- OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Signature of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s) of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit to: Dr. Clay Wright  
Vice-President  
University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association  
[clwrightdmd@gmail.com](mailto:clwrightdmd@gmail.com)  
Please note "Fuller Award Nomination" in subject line.  
Fax: 334-793-7730*

*Or mail to:  
Dr. Clay Wright  
2601 Murphy Mill Road  
Dothan, AL 36303*

# THE FULLER AWARD

(Amended February 3, 2022)

## Guidelines

- I. The process for selection of a Fuller recipient should include a brief review of the criterion and the historical documents for the award. Refer now to “The Establishment of the Alumni Association Fuller Award”, “The History of the Fuller Award”; and “Fuller Award Nomination Form”.
  - A. In the first document, a historical reference is made to Dr. Fuller’s significant contribution to the dental school for which the award was named in his honor. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, cognitive words: “highest honor”, “contributions and outstanding achievements to the dental profession”, “given occasionally”, “especially significant”; give us great direction.
  - B. The second document contains an even greater in-depth history of the circumstances leading up to the creation of the Fuller Award. This history focuses again on what Dr. Fuller did for the dental school.
- II. Prestigious Awards presented by Organizations other than the Dental Alumni Association.
  - A. Most Excellent Fellow Award
    - chosen by the Board of Sensors (past presidents) of ALDA; Bylaws say nomination by a Board of Sensors member. Criterion: outstanding and meritorious contributions to ALDA. May have multiple awards in one year.
  - B. Distinguished Service Award—ALDA presents. May have multiple awards in one year.
  - C. Distinguished Alumnus Award
    - chosen by the Dean and the UAB Dentistry Leadership Council Alumni Awards Committee.
  - D. Outstanding Young Alumnus Award
    - chosen by the Dean and the UAB Dentistry Leadership Council Alumni Awards Committee.
  - E. Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame
    - chosen by a committee who reviews nominations submitted (In 2002, chose 17 out of 79 submitted)
    - serious consideration requires prior recipient to nominate or endorse candidate
    - only five dentists are among this group since its formation in 1992

The Fuller Award is the most prestigious award anyone could receive in the dental profession. It is prestigious because Dr. Fuller and other prior recipients excelled at such a distinguished level. The Alumni Executive Council is charged with the careful selection of a candidate who has achieved an outstanding accomplishment, perhaps that no one else has done. A person of this description does not come along every year; in fact, it may only be “occasionally”.

The Fuller Award is not a popularity vote as judged by the existing Executive Council at the present sitting. It is based on merit versus popularity. The process and the criterion ensure that “especially significant and deserving” individuals are recognized. It is the Alumni Executive Council’s responsibility to ensure that the award remains the most prestigious and that only deserving individuals are recognized.

## **I. NOMINATION**

- A. Nomination of a candidate may be made by any active member of the Alumni Association.
- B. Nominations must be in writing to the Fuller Award Committee via any officer, district representative or associate representative.
- C. Nominations must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup> before the November meeting of the Executive Council so that the appropriate nominations can be referred to the Fuller Award Committee. No nominations may be made other than those received by the Fuller Award Committee.
- D. The Fuller Award Committee will be composed of:
  - 1. One past Alumni President as appointed by the current Alumni president as of the June meeting.
  - 2. One past Fuller recipient as appointed by the current Alumni president as of the June meeting.
  - 3. Two members of the Executive Council who have at least four years Council service, appointed by the Alumni President as of the June meeting.
  - 4. The Alumni Vice President will serve as chairperson of the committee
- E. Functions of the Alumni Vice President / Chairperson:
  - 1. Present to the Alumni Association President recommendations for appointees to the Fuller Award Committee.
  - 2. Receive nominations for the Fuller Award.
  - 3. Provide Fuller Award Nominee Form packets to all Fuller Award Committee members.

4. Arrange and chair meetings of the Fuller Award Committee.
5. Maintain Fuller Award Nomination Forms from the current year and previous year and the list of rankings for each nominee.
6. Shred all Fuller Award Nomination Forms from the two years prior.

F. Functions of the Fuller Award Committee:

1. Solicit potential candidates.
2. Review and investigate each nominee as to their worthiness for the Fuller Award as established by the guidelines under SELECTION CRITERIA.
3. Select by majority vote a Fuller Award nominee to endorse to the Executive Committee.
4. By majority vote, rank each nominee: Strong Support, Support or No Support.

a. **Strong Support**

A Strong Support nominee will be endorsed to the Executive Council.

If the Strong Support candidate is not approved by the Executive Council, then the candidate may be considered for endorsement for one year following their nomination.

If the Strong Support candidate is not endorsed the following year, a new application must be submitted for future consideration.

b. **Support**

Support nominee(s) will be reconsidered for one year following their nomination. If support nominee is not endorsed the next year, a new application must be submitted for future consideration.

c. **No Support**

No Support nominee(s) receiving this ranking may be possibly due to lack of information provided. A new application must be submitted for future consideration.

G. Present by the Chairperson or designee of the Fuller Award Committee to the Executive Council at the Annual Meeting of the University of Alabama School Of Dentistry Alumni Association the following:

1. "The Fuller Award Committee endorses \_\_\_\_\_ (name) for the \_\_\_\_\_ (year) Fuller Award".
2. A 250 word or less narrative as to why the Fuller Committee endorses the nominee.
3. Respond to any question/comments by the Executive Council.

4. Conduct a vote (require 75% of votes in favor of the nominee) by secret ballot of the Executive Council (one vote from each of the nine Alabama districts and groups (Alabama by Choice (ABC)), three out-of-state districts (Georgia, Florida, Mississippi) and five Alumni/Association officers.  
One ballot for the nominee will be provided to the above 18 eligible voters to vote Yea or Nay for the endorsed nominee. The vote results will be kept confidential until PRESENTATION.

## II. SELECTION CRITERIA

- A. Since an exact exclusionary/inclusionary criterion list could reduce the potential candidate list; therefore, be it resolved that proper consideration would be given to:
  1. Financial, political, or physical support of the School of Dentistry
  2. Reputation within the State
  3. Leadership positions held
  4. National reputation
  5. Service in dental organizations
  6. Academic service/publications
  7. Community Service
  8. Political impact on dentistry
  9. Legislative impact on dentistry
  10. Impact upon students, academics or private practice dentists
  11. Research and development which directly affects dentistry
- B. Special consideration and emphasis are given to a nominee's support of the School of Dentistry since the award is bestowed by the Alumni Association. "Support" may be defined in many forms, financial and/or otherwise. The creation of the Fuller Award was to recognize Dr. Fuller's support of the School of Dentistry.
- C. It is not necessary to select a recipient yearly since "the award is given occasionally". This will be at the discretion of the Executive Council.
- D. The Fuller Award recipient will remain a secret until the June meeting of the Alumni Association held in conjunction with the Alabama Dental Association (ALDA) meeting.

## III. PRESENTATION

When a nominee is selected by the Executive Council, the presentation of the Fuller Award will be made by the nominator, or Alumni President presiding at the Alumni Luncheon or other function held in conjunction with the Annual meeting of ALDA, or one of the members of the Fuller Award Committee, or one member of the Executive Council in said order of priority.

#### **IV. NOMINATOR FOLLOW-UP**

After Presentation of the Fuller Award, the Chairperson of the Fuller Award Committee shall contact each Nominator of Nominees for the Fuller Award to:

1. Thank them for nominating a person for the Fuller Award.
2. Advise Nominator they may resubmit by November 1 their Nominees' original file and additional support information if desired TO THE NEXT YEARS Fuller Award Committee.