



USAID Alumni Association

UAA Alumni of the Year Awards

Call for Nominations

The USAID Alumni Association's Alumni of the Year Awards recognize outstanding UAA members whose contributions since leaving USAID have made a meaningful difference to their communities and to others at home and/or abroad.

Established in 2014, the Alumni of the Year Awards have honored 19 exceptional alumni whose accomplishments and service exemplify the values, commitment, and spirit of the USAID community. Many other alumni also deserve recognition, and the UAA Board Awards Committee needs your help identifying them.

Nominees may be based in the United States or abroad. Past recipients have included former Foreign Service Nationals (FSNs), and we continue to encourage you to consider all UAA members whether former FSNs, political appointees, institutional service contractors, direct hires, USPSCs, and others. To receive the award, nominees must be, or become, members of UAA.

Who Can Nominate?

Any current UAA member may nominate a fellow alum or self-nominate. Current UAA Board members are not eligible for nomination.

What Should a Nomination Include?

Please keep nominations **brief and focused—one to two pages maximum, and shorter is encouraged.**

Describe:

- What the nominee has accomplished since leaving USAID;
- The nature and impact of their contribution;
- What makes their work innovative, transformative, or particularly noteworthy; and
- Why their example might inspire others, especially members of the USAID alumni community.

How and When to Submit

Please submit nominations electronically to office@usaidalumni.org by September 30, 2026. Nominations received after the deadline cannot be considered.

The 2026 award recipient(s) will be notified in advance and publicly recognized at the UAA Annual General Meeting in October 2026.

We also hope to highlight the accomplishments of a number of nominees—including those who are not selected for the award—in the UAA newsletter and Alumni Profiles on the UAA website.

Who Deserves Recognition?

Think about the alumni you know who are continuing to make a difference—through their professional work, volunteer service, community leadership, advocacy, scholarship, mentoring, entrepreneurship, or other contributions.

Please take a moment to nominate someone whose accomplishments deserve to be celebrated. And if that person is you, self-nominations are welcome!

Help us recognize the extraordinary contributions of the UAA alumni community.

Make Your 2026 UAA Membership Contribution

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