

HORATIO ALGER AWARD NOMINATION PACKET



HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS, INC.

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Honoring Perseverance, Integrity and Excellence

OVERVIEW

Each year, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. seeks to recognize and celebrate individuals whose lives and actions demonstrate outstanding character, a commitment to helping others, and the power of the human spirit. Recipients of the Horatio Alger Award are inducted as lifelong Members of the Association. Each Member has overcome adversities and achieved success through hard work, determination, and integrity. The Association's proud traditions and efforts to assist others are perpetuated with the induction of each new class of Members.

Horatio Alger Members serve as role models for youth by demonstrating the possibilities that exist through free enterprise. They also support need-based scholarships and educational programs and services to enable young people to pursue their dreams through higher education.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The Horatio Alger Association accepts nominations up to June 15 each year for the Horatio Alger Award, which is awarded the following year. Award recipients are selected each fall through a review process conducted by the Association's Board of Directors. The Association is a nonprofit organization that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, or any other protected status.

Nominators are requested to review the Eligibility Criteria and Nominator Responsibilities before submitting a nomination for the Horatio Alger Award.

A completed and signed Information Form, Nominee Eligibility Form, and Participation Form are required for a nomination to be submitted to the Board of Directors for review. To give added dimension to the nominee's candidacy, additional biographical materials; documentation of adversity; or letters of support from individuals who are well acquainted with nominees through civic, professional, educational, religious, or family affiliations may be included to supplement the application.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for the Horatio Alger Award, nominees must demonstrate a commitment to the goals of the Horatio Alger Association and the purpose for which it was founded by meeting the following eligibility criteria:

1. U.S. citizenship.
2. Triumph over adversity. The Horatio Alger Association defines adversity as any significant economic, emotional, physical, or familial barrier to success that requires exemplary levels of dedication, hard work, and courage to overcome.
3. Achievement of outstanding professional accomplishments through individual initiative, self-reliance, hard work, commitment to excellence, enthusiasm, integrity, and perseverance.
4. Demonstrated commitment to assisting others in need.
5. Demonstrated commitment to the free-enterprise system.
6. Prior participation in Association programs or activities. (recommended)

All Horatio Alger Award recipients are required to participate in the full three days of the annual Horatio Alger Awards Induction Ceremonies.

NOMINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To ensure that nominees have a clear understanding of the significance of the Horatio Alger Award and the requirements associated with lifetime membership into the Association, nominators are required to:

1. sign the participation form included in the nomination packet prior to the submission of a nomination;
2. obtain the nominee's signature on the participation form before the nomination is presented to the full Board for voting;
3. inform the nominee about the Association's mission and its educational programs, which are funded by Members on an annual basis;
4. inform the nominee about the fundraising expectations for each Member;
5. inform the nominee that all Horatio Alger Award recipients are required to participate in the full three days of the annual Horatio Alger Awards events;
6. inform the nominee that nomination does not guarantee selection; and
7. bring their nominee to Association events prior to nomination. (recommended)

Nominators are also encouraged to host fundraising events in their nominee's honor.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1

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INFORMATION FORM

Please provide the following information.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Prefix	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Date of Birth		Sex/Gender	Race/Ethnicity	
Industry		Title	Organization	
Address 1			Address 2	
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country	
Phone Number		Email Address		
City of Birth		State	Country of Birth	
Country of Citizenship				

PRIMARY NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Prefix	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Professional Title		Organization		
Address 1			Address 2	
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country	
Phone Number		Email Address		

CO-NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Prefix	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
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NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY FORM

These questions should be completed in prose format and should expand on the areas outlined below.

ADVERSITY

Describe the economic, emotional, physical, or familial obstacles that the nominee has faced and how those obstacles were overcome through exemplary levels of dedication, hard work, and courage. (200 word minimum).

EDUCATION

Describe nominee's educational history. Please include any applicable information from elementary school to the university level. (100 word minimum).

CAREER

Describe the steps in the nominee's professional career that have led to outstanding professional accomplishments through individual initiative, self-reliance, hard work, commitment to excellence, enthusiasm, integrity, and perseverance. When possible, please provide titles, companies, and dates for the positions held by the nominee. (200 word minimum).

CURRENT POSITION

Describe the nominee's current title and company. (100 word minimum).

KEY CIVIC AFFILIATIONS AND PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES

Describe how the nominee demonstrates a commitment to assisting others in need; to bettering his/her fellow citizens, community, and country as a whole; and to furthering the free-enterprise system. (200 word minimum).

PRIOR PARTICIPATION

Describe the nominee's prior participation in Horatio Alger events and/or programs. (100 word minimum).

PARTICIPATION FORM

For more than half a century, the Members of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans have given of their time, talent, energy, and resources in helping to expand the future for young people by emphasizing the importance of education. It is the Association's goal that all Members participate in as many of the Association's programs as possible. Below are the various areas in which Members are able to participate. Please indicate the areas in which the nominee will make the biggest contribution(s) to the mission of the Association in the event that he or she is selected for membership.

MEMBER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Horatio Alger Awards Induction Ceremonies.** Members are encouraged to attend the annual Horatio Alger Awards Induction Ceremonies in Washington, D.C., each spring to honor the new Horatio Alger Award recipients and the National Scholars.
- Mentoring and Internship Programs.** Members provide opportunities for Horatio Alger Scholars to apply for mentoring and internships or permanent placements at their organizations.
- Board of Directors and Committees.** Members serve on the Board of Directors or on the various committees to help implement the Association's mission and educational programs.
- National Scholars Conference.** Members speak to the National Scholars as part of the National Scholars Conference held in conjunction with the annual Horatio Alger Awards events each spring.
- Alumni Association.** Members speak to the Alumni Scholars during Alumni Summits and other Alumni events on topics applicable to Alumni as adults. Members also encourage community service projects sponsored by our Alumni.

MEMBER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

- Horatio Alger Awards Induction Ceremonies.** Members contribute to the annual Horatio Alger Awards events to support the programs and activities of the Association.
- Endowment Fund.** Members provide bequests or contributions to the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund to ensure scholarships in perpetuity.
- Giving Clubs.** Members support the Association's programs with annual gifts for a period of five years.
- Scholarship Programs.** Members support existing scholarship programs or establish new scholarship programs to award additional scholarships.

This form must be completed and signed by the nominator and the nominee. By signing this form, the nominator and nominee acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of the responsibilities associated with membership in the Association.

Nominator Signature _____ Nominator Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Nominee Signature _____ Nominee Name (Print) _____ Date _____



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