



## Advocate of the Year Award

This award celebrates an exceptional individual who speaks out about the need for strong government support of the University of Minnesota and higher education policies. Furthermore, this individual informs others in their networks of the importance of the University within the state.

### Award Qualifications:

Nominees may be a graduate student, undergraduate student, alum or any University supporter within the community. University faculty and staff are not eligible.

### Award Criteria:

Decisions will be based on nominee's advocacy work that occurred between June 1, 2022 and May 23, 2023 and includes:

- **Engagement:** the nominee's proven record of speaking up in support of the University of Minnesota and its legislative requests to policy makers and community members;
- **Quantitative Measurement:** specific examples of how the nominee's action has resulted in building influential relationships with legislators, legislative staff, the governor's office, or other key policy and decision makers;
- **Summary of nominee's work throughout the year:** specific examples through observations, stories and/or feedback from colleagues, volunteers and event/program participants.

### Nomination Requirements:

- Advocate of the Year Nomination Form of no more than five pages total. **Must be in Word or PDF format.** (Note: submissions typed on another document and/or over the five page limit will not be considered.)
- A Letter of Recommendation that meets the following requirements:
  - No more than one page in length (note: submissions over the one page limit will not be considered);
  - Describes how length of time and context (in what capacity) the writer has known the nominee;
  - Describes the nominee's outstanding contributions to advocacy in support of the University of Minnesota between June 1, 2022 and May 23, 2023. Provides specific examples and measurements of how the nominee demonstrated extraordinary effort in support of the University's legislative funding & advocacy efforts.
  - **Must be in PDF format.**
- All nomination materials must be submitted to **Brittany Jamison** via email ([jami0053@umn.edu](mailto:jami0053@umn.edu)) by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.