



2026 Maine Center Awards | Nomination FAQs

1. **What are the Maine Center Awards?**

The Maine Center Awards is an annual, collaborative event that celebrates excellence across business, law, policy, engineering & computing, and entrepreneurship, and recognizes outstanding alumni and leaders making a difference across Maine and beyond.

2. **Who can submit a nomination?**

Nominations may be submitted by anyone (alumni, faculty, colleagues/employers, community members, friends, etc.)

3. **Who is eligible to be nominated?**

Nominees for the Distinguished Alumni Award and Emerging Leader Alumni Award must be graduates from Maine Graduate School of Business / MaineMBA, University of Maine School of Law, Maine College of Engineering and Computing, or the Muskie School of Public Service.

Nominees for the Maine Center Award for Innovation can include anyone in the community who meets the criteria described above and are not required to be an alumni of University of Maine System.

4. **Do multiple nominations for the same person increase their chances?**

No. Nominations are reviewed qualitatively based on the published criteria. A nominee only needs to be submitted once to be considered.

5. **Can I submit more than one nomination?**

Yes. Multiple nominations are welcome; please submit a separate nomination for each individual.

6. **Who reviews nominations and selects award recipients?**

Nominations are reviewed by an interdisciplinary selection committee with representation from the Maine Center and each of its core academic partners.

7. **What is the nomination deadline?**

Nominations are due by April 19.

8. **How do I submit a nomination?**

Submit nominations (and register for the event) through the Maine Center Awards page: bit.ly/MCAwards26