

**2026 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD**  
**OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANCE BY A GRADUATE STUDENT**  
**NOMINATION FORM**  
*(To Be Completed by Nominator)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINEE'S COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S DEGREE/CONCENTRATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide no more than a one-page description of why you are nominating the graduate student for this award.  
**Please forward with this nomination form to the nominee for completion.**

*(To Be Completed by Nominee)*

CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose with the Nomination Form

1. A current vita (maximum of five pages)
2. A discussion (maximum of five pages) of the nominee's teaching related accomplishments during **the past 1+ academic years teaching or providing teaching assistance to undergraduate students as a function of graduate student responsibilities at this university. This includes all activities that are geared towards student engagement in classes and in support of the University's Strategic Plan.**  
<https://www.una.edu/strategic-plan/index.html>
3. Nominees are to submit only the required materials listed above. Please refer to accompanying selection criteria for further guidance and for instructions for submission. Address any questions you may have to your Department Chair.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR SIGNATURE *(Letter of Support Attached)*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN'S SIGNATURE *(Letter of Support Attached)*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA - OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANCE  
BY A GRADUATE STUDENT**

---

1. **October 2025:** Award Committees selected by Deans  
\*The Deans must approve any changes to the award criteria prior to the solicitation of nominees for the award.  
**November 2025:** Nominations Open  
**February 6, 2026:** The Nomination Form, with accompanying documentation, must be submitted to the Chair of the nominee's department  
**February 13, 2026:** The Nomination Form, with accompanying documentation, must be submitted to the Dean of the nominee's college  
**February 20, 2026:** The Nomination Form, with accompanying documentation, must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs via email with PDF attachment. ([sseals@una.edu](mailto:sseals@una.edu))  
**April 27, 2026:** Awards Gala
2. Nominations may be submitted by students, faculty members, administrators and/or alumni. All UNA graduate students are eligible for the award.
3. The award will be made for excellence in the classroom. A list of no more than three (3) finalists will be based on a preliminary screening of materials submitted with the nomination. In March, members of the selection committee will review evidence of skilled teaching/teaching assistance via face-to-face or by accessing a recording.
4. The recipient will receive:
  - A. There will be an acrylic award given to each recipient
  - B. The name of the recipient will be displayed on a permanent plaque
  - C. The recipient will be featured in *Profiles in Excellence*
5. The award will be presented by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University Awards Gala (April 27, 2026).
6. No student member of the Selection Committee will be eligible for an award while serving on the committee.

**Former Recipients:**

Katie J. Mauldin (ACONHP) – 2020

N/A – 2021

Ashley Massey (CASE) - 2022

Nadia Stewart (SCOBT) - 2023

N/A – 2024

N/A - 2025