

## 2026 Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form

Each spring, the 544 Education Foundation Board selects two (could also be one or three) alumni who demonstrate, through their contributions to the community, qualities of character, intelligence, responsibility, and purpose fostered in the Fergus Falls Schools and beyond. If you'd like to nominate someone for this honor, please fill out this form. Once someone has been nominated, their name will stay on the list until they have been selected.

Nominations must be postmarked or sent via email/fax by **February 28, 2026**.

Your Name

Your Class Year (if applicable)

Your Street Address

Your City

Your State/Zip Code

Your Phone

Your Email Address

Nominee's Name

Nominee's Phone

Nominee's Class Year

How do you know the nominee?

Please list some distinguishing characteristics, achievements (and impacts of those), plus current credentials about your nominee.

Describe some of the boards, committees, and organizations that the nominee has been involved with (and to what degree)?

Why do you believe this alum should be recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award? Where can we go for other sources of information on this candidate?

The 2026 Distinguished Alumni nominees will be presented to a special committee of the 544 Education Foundation Board, who will bring the recommendations to the entire Board at its monthly board meeting in April. Honorees will be inducted into the Fergus Falls High School Hall of Fame Homecoming Weekend (TBD for 2026) and will receive the Foundation's highest honor, the "Bronze Otter."

We have chosen to recognize Fergus Falls graduates who have distinguished themselves through significant success in the public and private sectors. We feel graduates can credit their Fergus Falls educational experience as a foundation for their further professional achievements. Nominees should be able to serve as role models for today's students.

Please do not let your nominee know they are being considered for the award. Also, YOU do not need to be an alum of Fergus Falls high school to nominate someone. Previous nominations are considered each year.

To nominate someone, fill out the above form and submit it or simply send us a letter outlining why this alum should be considered and attach any additional correspondence. The more information you can provide, the better. Nominations should be sent to:

544 Education Foundation  
Distinguished Alumni Nomination  
518 Friberg Avenue  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Email: [544foundation@fergusotters.org](mailto:544foundation@fergusotters.org)

Questions? Call Mindy at 218.998.0544, ext. 9206.