



Covenant College Alumni Office

Iron Thistle Award Qualifications

Purpose:

The Iron Thistle Award is presented to an individual or couple who represent the thousands of faithful Covenant College alumni that God has used to impact His Kingdom and world as faithful stewards and lovers of Jesus.

The thistle represents the Scottish heritage of Covenant College. Iron was chosen because, while common, in the hands of an artist it becomes both beautiful and purposeful.

Eligibility:

Nominees must fulfill the purpose of the award; be an alumnus of Covenant College; be living or have died within a year of nomination; must have been a graduate from Covenant College for at least five years; not be a candidate for public office; not be a current faculty or staff member at Covenant College; and not be a current trustee or board advisor.

Nominations:

All nominations must be submitted via the Iron Thistle Award nomination form found [here](#). Nominations must be received by or before July 1. All nominations will be held in confidence. Self nominations will not be accepted. Nominees for awards will be considered for up to two years: the year in which they are nominated, and if they are not selected in that year, again in the following year. Nominees who are not selected as a recipient will not be notified by the Iron Thistle Award committee. It is at the discretion of the nominator as to whether or not they would like to advise the nominee of the outcome of the nomination.



Selection:

A 7-member selection committee made up of the current alumni advisors, vice president of development, director of constituent relations, assistant director of alumni relations, and homecoming coordinator shall be responsible for the Iron Thistle Award selections utilizing the Iron Thistle Award rubric to guide deliberation. The Iron Thistle Award committee will render a selection by August 1.

Recognition:

Recipients will be recognized and receive an Iron Thistle Award statue during Homecoming weekend. Names of the recipients will be displayed on the Covenant College alumni webpage.