PURPOSE: For the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences (CAFLS) at Clemson University to recognize no more than two young alumni annually for their ‘ever loyal’ dedication to Clemson and the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences and their impacts in business, leadership, community, educational, and/or philanthropic endeavors.

ELIGIBILITY: Nominees must: fulfill purpose of award; be an alumnus of Clemson University; have graduated within the past 10 years; be under the age of 35; not be a candidate for public office; not be receiving monetary compensation from Clemson University or its affiliates during nominations process; not be an elected member of the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board of Directors at time of selection.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Nominees will be considered for this award based on the significance of their contributions as indicated below, and with the following weightings applied to each category:

• Upholding the University’s core values of honesty, integrity, and respect – 25%
• Demonstration of an ‘ever loyal’ relationship to Clemson and the College – 25%
• Demonstration of characteristics of a ‘Determined Spirit’ – 25%
• Impacts in business, leadership, community, educational, and/or philanthropic endeavors – 25%

WAIVERS: These requirements are guidelines for the selection of nominees and may be waived by the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board of Directors in cases where extenuating circumstances exist. Such a waiver requires the support of a two-thirds majority of the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board membership.

NOMINATIONS: The Policy, Process and Awards Committee of the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board will accept nominations of individuals prior to December 1 annually. Each nomination must utilize the official nomination form. Nominees will be contacted to determine if they would like to submit requested supporting documentation for completion of the nomination. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations should convey to the selection committee the merits of each nominee, assuming that no prior knowledge of the candidate exists and that committee members are unfamiliar with the candidate.

If a candidate is not selected within three years of the date of the original nomination, the nomination will be disregarded and a new nomination must be submitted if the nominee is to receive further consideration.