

THE OLIVER MAX GARDNER AWARD

Governor Gardner's will provides that the "Board of Trustees of the Consolidated University of North Carolina *"shall pay annually the net income from a trust fund to "that member of the faculty of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race. As used in this Article of my will, the term 'faculty' shall embrace all persons, including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service of the Consolidated University of North Carolina."*

In January 1973, the Attorney General of North Carolina rendered an opinion that the "coverage of the Gardner Award may be extended to include faculty members at any one of the sixteen campuses which now constitute The University of North Carolina."

1. In the fall of each year the Board of Governors will name, or authorize the Chairman to name, a Committee on the Gardner Award. The committee will invite the institutions to submit nominations and will prescribe procedures to be followed.
2. Selection of a nominee for the Gardner Award generally is accomplished by a committee of the institutional faculty. The written nomination to the Committee should be made by the Chancellor. The nominee's contributions to the welfare of the human race, however technical the field, should be described in terms a layman can understand.
3. The will provides that the award shall go to the faculty member "...who ...has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." The majority of previous recipients have been persons who made notable contributions of national or international scale, or persons whose contributions, although local, served as models nationally or internationally.
4. Through the years the committees of the Board have recognized that the selection procedure, which must begin in the fall, makes it difficult to adhere strictly to that provision of the will, which states that the award shall recognize a contribution made "during the current scholastic year." In order to give as much weight to this clause as is feasible, the committees usually look for nominees who recently made contributions or whose work and service recently culminated in a major contribution.
5. Campuses are encouraged to review award-winning nominations from previous years.

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Procedures for 2014-2015

1. The nomination of the faculty member should be sent to the Committee on the O. Max Gardner Award from the Chancellor. The nomination should include (a) biographical data on the nominee, (b) a narrative statement of the nominee's contributions, and (c) any supporting materials the committee wishes to submit.
2. An electronic submission is acceptable, and must be received by January 6, 2015. If sending in a paper copy of the nomination, six copies should be received in the Office of the Secretary of the University by January 6, 2015.
3. The Board of Governors Committee on the O. Max Gardner Award will meet to consider the nominations and will make its recommendation to the Board of Governors during the February 27, 2015, meeting.
4. Presentation of the award is being planned for April 10, 2015. The Board of Governors will combine this award presentation with its Board meeting. The recipient and his or her family and friends are encouraged to be present, as are members of the Gardner family.

O. Max Gardner Award Application

Campus: _____

Nominee Full Name: _____

Nominee Position: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Nominee Telephone Number: _____

Distinguished Awards: _____

The deadline for nominations is *January 6, 2015*.

Please submit your complete packet to Ann Lemmon, Secretary of the University (awlemmon@northcarolina.edu).

Packets must include the following attachments:

- Completed Application Form (this page).
- A letter of Nomination/Cover Letter from the Chancellor or from Nominating Committee (if separate) with a statement of the candidates contributions and demonstrated record of public service in the University.
- A summary of the highlights of the candidate's recent accomplishments related to the award and how it relates to the institutional welfare of the University.
- Biographical Data /Curriculum Vitae (Limited to 10 pages)
- Letters of Support (maximum of 6) from peers, faculty, colleagues, students, and external organization(s).
- Executive Summary