

Edward A. Wayne Medal Overview

Purpose: The Edward A. Wayne Medal is a high honor bestowed by Virginia Commonwealth University and is awarded in recognition of extraordinary generosity and service to the University and the community.

The recipient either must have served as a volunteer leader in a major role for a campaign or fund drive at the University, demonstrated a commitment to the Commonwealth and its citizens through leadership and/or personal philanthropy, served in a leadership capacity for one of the University's related foundations, advisory boards or alumni associations, or contributed a leadership gift to the University. The medal may be awarded to both the donor and members of their family if it is deemed appropriate by the President and the Special Awards Committee.

The Medal is named in honor of Mr. Edward A. Wayne, who was Chairman of the Commission to Plan for the Establishment of a Proposed State-Supported University in the Richmond Metropolitan Area. This commission recommended, and the General Assembly approved, the establishment of Virginia Commonwealth University in 1968. In addition, Mr. Wayne, who was a past president of the Federal Reserve Bank, served as VCU's first vice-rector and had been a long-time friend and supporter of the University.

Number of Awards: While there is no fixed number of awards, sufficient care and restraint shall be exercised so that the Edward A. Wayne Medal will remain an exceptional honor.

Time of Awards: The Edward A. Wayne Medal will be awarded at Commencement.

Public Announcement: Public announcement of the award is to be coordinated exclusively through the Office of the President.

Process: Nominations can be made by any member of the community. In order to nominate an individual only basic information is needed to begin the process. After a review of submitted information by the special awards committee which is established by the President and chaired by a member of his cabinet, additional information may be requested. All nominations will be approved by the President for final recommendation for approval to the Board of Visitors.

Importation additional information:

Nomination Form is available [here](#).

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