

# **The George Washington University**

## **Alumni Status Policy**

**Purpose:** This policy outlines the eligibility criteria for alumni status and associated benefits through George Washington Alumni, including guidelines for individuals who attended the university but did not graduate.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025

### **Policy Statement**

#### **I. Alumni Status: Who Is Considered an Alumnus/a of The George Washington University?**

- A. Degree-holders are automatically considered alumni.
- B. Non-degree holders who were admitted to any college or school of the George Washington University and then departed the university in good standing may be considered alumni if they meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Students in an undergraduate program who have completed at least 60 credit hours may be considered alumni.
  - 2. Students in a graduate program who have completed at least 15 credit hours may be considered alumni.
- C. Individuals who completed a certificate or executive program but did not earn a degree from the university must meet the 15-credit hour minimum requirement to be considered alumni.

#### **II. GW Alumni Membership**

- A. All university alumni are automatically members of GW Alumni (GWA). Alumni do not need to opt-in or pay a membership fee in order to be part of GWA.
- B. As stated in the GW Alumni Council (GWAC) Operational Guidelines, GWA membership will also be extended to individuals awarded honorary alumni membership status by the University administration.

#### **III. GW Alumni Benefits**

- A. Alumni benefits, including but not limited to GWorld cards and access to GW libraries, are exclusive to university alumni.
- B. George Washington University Alumni (GWA) determines its members and the benefits provided to its members. Schools and units may grant benefits to their former students in accordance with school-level policies, but they cannot grant nor guarantee any university benefits or university alumni status.
  - 1. For instance, individuals who attended classes and did not graduate or who completed a certificate or executive program but did not complete a degree from the university may be given certain benefits by their individual program, but the requirements of membership and access to GWA benefits are determined solely by the GWA.
- C. Former students who do not meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this policy but were granted alumni status prior to July 1, 2025, shall retain their alumni status.