Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Ohio’s Senior Citizens Hall of Fame honors and recognizes the vital role older adults play in their communities, state and nation while it promotes the benefits of active, productive and purposeful living at all points in our lives. Since 1978, more than 450 individuals age 60 or older have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Individuals selected for the Hall of Fame set an example for all Ohioans by leading lives not defined by age or barriers. They can be recognized for contributions and accomplishments after age 60 or for a continuation of effort and achievement begun before that age. Nominees must be outstanding in service to mankind through leadership, innovation, motivation and contribution.

Criteria:
1. Nominees must be age 60 or older and a native-born Ohioan or a resident of Ohio for at least ten years. Posthumous nominations are accepted.
2. Nominees will be evaluated on one or both of these factors:
   A. The impact that their contributions and accomplishments have had in keeping Ohio on the leading edge of innovation and responsiveness to the growing and changing aging population; AND/OR
   B. The degree to which they are respected and vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute.

Selection process – All eligible nominees will be evaluated by a selection committee during a process that typically takes place in February. Nominators will be notified whether their nominee is selected, typically in March or April. Those selected may have their photos or videos taken and used at events and for general publicity, and the department reserves the right to share these photos and videos with its partners, including other state agencies, media and partners of the department. There is no compensation for the use of the photos or video.

Nominations may be submitted online at: www.aging.ohio.gov/hofnomination/

Or, complete and return the following form to:
Events, Ohio Department of Aging
246 N. High St./1st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-2406
Fax: (614) 466-8893

Nominations are accepted year-round.

Questions? Call (614) 728-0253.
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Please TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY.

Nominee information – Please provide all information requested. Birthdate will be used to determine eligibility only and will be shared with the selection committee, but will not be published, shared or used for any other purpose without the nominee's consent.

Nominee's name: ____________________________________________
Street address: ___________________________ County: ____________
City/State/ZIP: ___________________________ Daytime phone: (____) _________
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): ________________________ Cell phone: (____) _________
E-mail: ____________________________________________

☐ Native Born Ohioan    ☐ Ohio Resident for 10+ years

Family contact – Please provide the name and contact information of a relative or close friend of the honoree (other than the nominator) that we may use as a back-up contact.

Family contact: ____________________________________________
Street address: ___________________________ City/State/ZIP: ____________
Daytime phone: (____) _________ E-mail: ____________________________
Relationship to nominee: ______________________________________

Nominator information – Please provide your contact information. If you are nominating on behalf of an organization, please note that along with your name. You will be notified if this nominee is or is not selected.

Nominator's name: ____________________________________________
Street address: ___________________________ Daytime phone: (____) _________
City/State/ZIP: ___________________________ E-mail: ____________________________
Organization (if applicable): ____________________________

By signing below, you attest that you have verified that the information provided on this nomination form and any related attachments is factual and accurate.

Nominator's signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Please submit this form with the nomination essay (see next page).
Nomination Essay

Essay – Please attach a neatly handwritten or typed essay that explains why you feel the nominee is worthy of being inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Your essay should be no longer than two one-sided, 8½ x 11” pages (approximately 1,000 words) and must be submitted along with the nomination form. Include the following information as applicable:

- **Details of contribution(s) and achievement(s)** – Please be as descriptive and specific as possible. Describe the who, what, when, where, why and how of those efforts that make the nominee worthy of selection. Include dates.

- **Length of service** – Describe how long the nominee engaged in this endeavor and indicate if he or she is still working to that end. Include beginning and ending dates.

- **Impact of contributions and accomplishments** – Describe how the nominee’s work, advocacy or other endeavors helped Ohio respond innovatively to its growing and changing aging population, or explain the degree to which the nominee is a respected member of society who seeks and takes advantage of opportunities to grow, thrive and contribute.

- **Positive image of aging** – Explain how the nominee sets an example for his or her peers and younger generations by leading an active and positive life not defined by age or barriers.

- **Awards, recognitions and honors** – Briefly list only honors relevant to the field(s) of endeavor for which the person is being nominated, and for each one, give dates and briefly describe the significance.

- **Boards commissions and organizations** – Briefly list only those affiliations that are relevant to the field(s) of endeavor for which the person is being nominated. Describe the capacity of service and any offices held along with the number of years the nominee held those offices.

**Other materials** – You may include other materials (e.g., résumé, news articles, commendations, photos, etc.) to support your nomination, provided they are relevant to the field(s) of endeavor for which the person is being nominated. Do not send originals, we cannot return them.

Please submit the essay with a completed and signed nomination form (see previous page).

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