

# South Dakota Association of the Deaf

# Hall of Fame Policy

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## **1.1.1 Introduction**

The SDAD Hall of Fame was established in 2000 to honor people who deserve recognition for their deeds, accomplishments or services in the areas of arts, community service, education, and sports (ACES)

1.1.2 The formal induction will take place at a luncheon, arranged for these purposes, to be held during the SDAD biennial conference.

## **1.2 Hall of Fame Committee**

1.2.1 The SDAD President shall appoint the SDAD Hall of Fame Chair, subject to approval of the SDAD Board of Directors, for a term of Six (6) years.

1.2.2 The chairperson shall submit the name of six (6) members who are eligible to serve on the Hall of Fame to the SDAD Board for their consideration and approval.

1.2.3 The committee members shall serve for a term of Six (6) years. The chair of the Hall of Fame committee shall, at his/her discretion, appoint and replace any member of the Hall of Fame committee at any time, upon the board's approval.

1.2.4 Only SDAD members may serve on the SDAD Hall of Fame committee.

## **1.3 Responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Committee**

1.3.1 The Hall of Fame committee shall oversee the Hall of Fame, screen, and prepare all nominations, handle all ballots, and announce the results. The committee is in charge of the awards to be given during the Hall of Fame luncheon and the program book. Members of the Hall of Fame committee can't nominate any candidate.

1.3.2 The committee shall be responsible for keeping an orderly file on all nominations and supporting material, for seeing that photographs and citations are permanently enshrined and for passing all materials to their successors.

## **1.4 Timetable**

1.4.1 Nominations shall be submitted to the Hall of Fame committee before or on October 1<sup>st</sup> of the even-number year, prior to the SDAD conference. The nominations shall be screened, and selected before or on December 1<sup>st</sup> of that same even-number year.

- 1.4.2 The committee shall submit a list of nominees the SDAD Board prior to the January regular SDAD board meeting, held during the odd-number year.
- 1.4.3 The inductees selected to SDAD Hall of Fame will be notified before or on March 1<sup>st</sup> of the odd-number year.

### **1.5 Criteria for Selection**

- 1.5.1 Any interested individual, except Hall of Fame committee members, may name or nominate candidates for the Hall of Fame. The responsibility of the nominee is to submit all supporting materials. The nominee's name shall not be disclosed.
- 1.5.2 Individuals nominated for the honor shall meet at least one of the requirements:
- a. Having lived in South Dakota at least ten (10) years;
  - b. Graduated from the South Dakota School for the Deaf
  - c. Or graduated from a South Dakota public or private school
- 1.5.3 Nominees shall be nominated based on their outstanding performance, integrity, character, contributions to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, knowledge of deafness, positive influence on others, service to the community, distinguished leadership, and personal achievement. Selection shall be made without regards to race, religion, creed, gender or geographical residence.
- 1.5.4 All the candidates who must have brought at least ten years of recognition in their outstanding performances and achievements in professional/community services both in and out of the state of South Dakota.
- 1.5.5 Any candidates may be elected to more than one category to the SDAD Hall of Fame.
- 1.5.6 No members of the SDAD Hall of Fame Committee shall be eligible for nomination to the SDAD Hall of Fame.

### **1.6 Procedures**

- 1.6.1 The committee shall screen all nominations and, on the basis of the criteria, select neither less than two (2) nor more than four (4) names of persons who meet the highest standards. A summary of each nominee's qualifications, not to exceed 300 words, shall be prepared and shall be mailed with the ballot.

### **1.7 Verification of Ballots**

- 1.7.1 The chairperson shall call for a meeting with all the Hall of Fame Committee members present for the verification of the ballots as soon as all ballots are returned. Ballots will be counted and the chairperson prior to the conclusion of the meeting will announce the results tabulated. After a period of six (6) months, the chairperson shall destroy all the ballots received.

## **1.8 Points**

1.8.1 Committee members may vote for up to three candidates in each category on a scale of five (5) points for first choice, three (3) points for second choice, and one (1) point for third choice.

## **1.9 Minimum Points**

1.9.1 To be elected to the Hall of Fame, a candidate shall receive the highest number points but in no case may be less than fifteen (15) points. In the event no candidate receives the minimum of fifteen (15) points, there shall be no selection in that category.

## **1.10 Hall of Fame Fund**

1.10.1 The Hall of Fame Committee shall receive the profit from the banquet, all donations and requests for the sole purpose of expense incurred by the banquet, the awards, and all other expenses to operate the SDAD Hall of Fame.

## **1.11 Ceremony**

1.11.1 At the SDAD biennial conference, every newly elected Hall of Fame recipient shall receive a citation in the form of a plaque in recognition of his/her achievement at a luncheon. The SDAD Conference Committee will have charge of the Hall of Fame luncheon arrangements.

1.11.2 The SDAD Hall of Fame Committee shall honor any deaf/hard of hearing South Dakotan who has participated in any athletics at the World Games for the Deaf (Deaf Olympics). Their names shall be printed on a plaque.

1.11.3 No other awards or ceremonies other than the Hall of Fame should take at the luncheon during the SDAD biennial conference.

1.11.4 The SDAD Hall of Fame Committee shall honor any deaf/Hard of hearing individual who has contributed significantly to South Dakota Deaf Community with the Berry and Wright Award. Individual nominated for the honor shall meet at least one of the requirements:

- a. Having lived in South Dakota in South Dakota less than 10 years
- b. Has never resided in South Dakota but has a significant relation to deaf community