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Maryland Commission for Women

A Commission of the Maryland Department of Human Resources

2017 MARYLAND WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly are issuing a call for nominations for the 2017 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was established by the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland in 1985 to honor Maryland women who have made significant and lasting contributions in their field of endeavor. Candidates may be either posthumous or contemporary and must be Maryland women whose achievements are of historic significance in fields such as the arts, athletics, business, community advocacy, education, government, the humanities, human rights, law, medicine, the military, philanthropy, and science.

Candidates may be nominated by organizations or by individuals. An independent committee representing a cross section of residents of the state will review the nominations and make the final decisions on the inductees. The selection process and criteria for nominees are delineated on the enclosed form.

The honorees will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in a special ceremony in Annapolis in **March of 2017**.

Please join us in recognizing the contributions women have made to the history of our great state.

Nominations must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2016, and may be submitted via email to judith.vaughan-prather@maryland.gov

Electronic nomination submission is recommended, but hard copy nominations may be mailed to:

***Maryland Commission for Women
51 Monroe Street, Ste. 1034
Rockville, MD 20850***

Only complete nomination packets complying fully with the attached instructions will be considered. Please direct any questions to the Commission's office at 301-610-4524.

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Nomination Criteria

The Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame was established to honor women who, through their work and community engagement, have made significant and enduring contributions in their field and/or whose achievements are of historical significance to this state. Nominators should consider the following criteria:

Nominees....

- May be contemporary (living) or posthumous, and will be selected by merit, not by endorsement.
- Must have been born in Maryland or lived at least 10 years of their lives in Maryland.
- Must have made significant and lasting contributions in such fields as the arts, athletics, business, community advocacy, education, government, the humanities, human rights, law, medicine, the military, philanthropy, and science.
- Must have made a significant and lasting contribution that extends beyond the community level, is above and beyond the call of duty in her field and is of enduring value.

Current members of the Maryland General Assembly, the Maryland Commission for Women, and members of their families are not eligible for nomination, nor are they eligible to submit nominations.



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2017 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Nomination Instructions

Nomination packets are to be no longer than 10 pages, including the nomination form and photo, and must include, at the time of submission:

1. A biographical narrative of no more than 500 words that describes:
 - The nominee's place of birth, the location and the years in which she resided in Maryland.
 - The nominee's education, employment and volunteer activities.
 - Her field of endeavor (arts, athletics, business, community advocacy, education, government, the humanities, human rights, law, medicine, the military, philanthropy, and science, etc.).
 - The nominee's outstanding achievements, accomplishments or contributions for which she should be considered for induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. A listing of other accomplishments may be included.
 - The benefit of her contribution to society or to the advancement and independence of women.
2. No more than two letters of recommendation.
3. Any relevant supporting documents such as pertinent newspaper and magazine articles, primary works. Please only include essential documents that communicate the nominee's accomplishments as concisely and directly as possible.
4. A 4 x 6 inch photo in jpeg format @ 300 pixels per inch.

If selected, the narrative and photo will be published in the 2017 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame program booklet, and will be published on the Hall of Fame web pages.

All materials must be submitted on the official forms, in a single packet or transmission, and may not exceed 10 pages (including the nomination form and the photo). The nomination may be sent via email. Nomination packets that are incomplete, do not comply with the above instructions, or are received after the deadline will not be considered. Nomination packets become the property of the Maryland Commission for Women and will not be returned. Information included in the nomination packet may be published in the program book for the awards ceremony and may be posted on the Maryland Commission for Women's website or other social media.

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