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MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

2010 MARYLAND WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland are seeking recommendations of outstanding Maryland women from our state for induction into the 2010 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame was established through the efforts of the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland in 1985. Its purpose is to honor Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the state, and to provide role models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders.

Historical and contemporary women are inducted each year. Among those honored are past legislators, political and social activists, scientists, educators, writers and spiritual and community leaders. They represent the women who have helped shape Maryland, the United States and the world. Their induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame enhances the visibility of their contributions to their work, communities, and the status of women.

Maryland continues to flourish because of its strong women leaders and their unceasing strides to improve the quality of life in our state. The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame gives us the opportunity to honor these remarkable women. We invite organizations and individuals to take the time to nominate deserving women who have made a difference in the lives of those they serve. An independent committee representing a cross section of citizens of the state will review the nominations and make the final recommendations. The Governor will honor these individuals in a special ceremony in *March of 2010*.

The selection process and criteria for nominees is specified in detail on the enclosed form. ***All nominations must be postmarked no later than Friday, October 23, 2009 and mailed to the Maryland Commission for Women, 311 W. Saratoga Street, Suite 272, Baltimore, MD 21201. Please direct any questions to the Commission's office at 410-767-3049.***

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General Rules

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame is open to all women of Maryland regardless of race, color, national origin, physical challenge, religious or political affiliation, except current members of the Maryland General Assembly and the Maryland Commission for Women.

Awards may be posthumous.

Only nominations submitted on this official nomination form will be accepted. Incomplete forms will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee for review.

Only nominations postmarked by *Friday, October 23, 2009* will be accepted.

Nomination packets and supporting documents become the property of the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and will not be returned.

Nominations not received by deadline and those not selected for induction will be kept for consideration for the following year. You may be asked to supply additional supporting documentation to update nomination packet.

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Nomination Criteria

The mission of the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame is to honor in perpetuity those women who, through their work and lives, have made significant improvement in the lives of women, and for all citizens of Maryland. The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame will be housed in the planned *Maryland Women's Heritage Center* and currently honorees are recognized in the Maryland Law Library located in Annapolis.

Nominees may be contemporary (living) or historical (deceased), and will be selected by merit, not endorsement.

Nominees must have been born in Maryland or lived a significant portion of their lives in Maryland or currently live in Maryland.

Nominees must have made significant and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of this state.

The nominee's contribution may be in a particular discipline (arts, athletics, business, education, government, the humanities, philanthropy and science) or of benefit to the people of the State of Maryland in general.

The nominee's contribution must extend beyond the community level, be above and beyond the call of duty in her particular field and of enduring value.

Current members of the Maryland General Assembly and Maryland Commission for Women are ineligible for nomination.

Instructions for Submitting Nominations

Include a brief biographical sketch including information on the nominee's education, employment and volunteer activities.

Identify the nominee's outstanding achievement, accomplishment or contribution for which she should be considered. A listing of other accomplishments may be included.

Explain the benefit of her contribution to society.

Indicate her field or discipline (art, athletics, business, science, government, humanities, education, etc.)

Explain the enduring value of her contribution to society or to the advancement and independence of women.

Include no more than three letters of recommendation. Nomination packets may include 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.

All materials submitted must be written clearly, preferably typed, numbering no more than **12 pages** (***Not including nomination form***). Any pages beyond 12 will be discarded.

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*I/we, the undersigned, present the following nomination packet for consideration:
(Please complete this entire form, type or print in ink)*

Nominee's Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **If deceased, include date of death:** _____

Place of Birth: _____ **Length of Maryland Residency:** _____

For contemporary nominee:

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Work Telephone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email Address:** _____

Nominee's Major Field of Endeavor: _____

Name of Nearest Living Relative: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Relative's Home Telephone: _____ **Work Telephone:** _____

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Please provide two references from individuals who are knowledgeable of the nominee's achievements and character, and are from the community served:

References:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

As Nominator, Please provide the following information:

Person(s)/Organization submitting Nomination: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Work Telephone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email Address: _____

Print Name and Title of Nominator:

Nominator's Signature:

Date: _____

Received by the Maryland Commission for Women: _____