Nomination Criteria

The Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame was established to honor women who, through their work and community engagement, have made significant improvement in the lives of women and for all residents of Maryland. Nominators should consider the following criteria:

Nominees….

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

- Must have been born in Maryland or lived a significant portion (10 years) of their lives in Maryland or currently live in Maryland.

- Must have made significant and lasting contributions to the economic, political, or cultural history of this state.

- Must have made a contribution that extends beyond the community level, is above and beyond the call of duty in her field and is of enduring value in a specific discipline (arts, athletics, business, education, government, the humanities, human rights, law, medicine, philanthropy or science) or has benefitted the people of the State of Maryland in general.

Current members of the Maryland General Assembly and Maryland Commission for Women are not eligible for nomination.
Nomination Instructions

Nomination packets are to be no longer than 12 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 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.
   - Her field or discipline (art, athletics, business, science, government, humanities, education, etc.).
   - The enduring value of her contribution to society or to the advancement and independence of women.
   - The nominee’s education, employment and volunteer activities.
   - The nominee’s place of birth, the location and the years in which she resided in Maryland.

2. No more than three 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 will be published in the 2015 Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame program booklet, and will be published on the Hall of Fame web pages. The narrative must be provided in complete sentences with attention to spelling and grammar. Incomplete nominations or those that do not meet acceptable standards will not be considered.

All materials must be submitted on the official forms, in a single packet or transmission, and may not exceed 12 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.

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 21, 2014
And may be submitted via email to crystal.young@maryland.gov
Or via mail to:
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c/o Crystal Young
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