



Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.

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Nomination Application Guidelines

Introduction

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame (WCHF) museum and gallery are located in the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. was established in 1985 to advance the conservation legacy of Wisconsin, and now recognizes over 100 leaders who have contributed significantly to it.

Individuals may be nominated for induction by Voting Member Organizations or by the general public. Based on a set of criteria, nominees are selected for induction by the Voting Member Organization, Foundation Directors and an independent Board of Governors. Persons nominated should have made a sustained and outstanding contribution to conservation in at least one of several areas, including: environmental law enforcement; applied resource management; conservation education; conservation policy formation, legislation, and/or public leadership; conservation-oriented research; conservation literature, art and/or journalism. Ideally, the candidate will have affected a wide range of natural resources of state-wide, regional, or national significance. The candidate's achievements are compared to past inductees' contributions and are evaluated in the context of the historical setting of their time.

Timeline

January 1 - May 31 – Call for nominations is open

(Note: Submitting a Nomination Application at least one month prior to the May 31 deadline provides time for an initial review that could indicate something is missing. This allows time to provide missing information required for your Nomination Application to move forward in the process.)

June – Technical Review of nominations

(Note: If the Technical Review Team determines an application contains excess information nominators are contacted in late June. Nominators have one week to make changes or resubmit the following year. To avoid this, follow the word/page limits precisely.)

August – Board of Governors meet and recommend 5 nominees move forward to the Voting Member Organizations and Foundation Directors for consideration

September – Annual Inductee Selection Meeting; 1-3 Inductees selected for the following year

April – Annual Induction Ceremony (Stevens Point, WI)

Policies

Complete nomination packets are retained for future consideration by the reviewing/selection committees. There is no need to resubmit a nomination. Nominators may be invited to supply missing information to a nomination application by the Technical Reviewers or Board of Governors.

The WCHF depends on nominators for the submission of complete nominations. The WCHF does not have resources to do background research on nominees or complete gaps in applications. Nominators are encouraged to work with others who may be able to assist with their efforts.

Nominators must follow the guidelines. Make your nomination complete, yet concise. Make it persuasive and compelling. Longer may not be better. Including excess information and materials may distract or overwhelm the reviewers.

Nomination materials will not be returned to the nominator. The submitted Nomination Application becomes property of the WCHF Foundation, Inc.; it will be used to assist reviewers in the screening and selection of inductees, the promotion of the induction ceremonies, and the advancement of the WCHF.

For Inductees, the WCHF Foundation, Inc. reserves the right to edit (modify, shorten, expand) submitted materials. WCHF may share the nomination materials with others in order to strengthen the material submitted. This may involve requesting additional information from the nominator(s) and others.

The WCHF will notify the nominator that the Nomination Application was received. Updates will be provided after Technical Review (June), after the Board of Governors meeting (August) and after the Inductee Selection Meeting (September), if applicable.

Not all those who are nominated will advance to induction into the Hall of Fame. The selection process is very rigorous and acceptance is not guaranteed. It may take years and additional justification, for even the best to advance.

Please be Aware

This is a merit-based system and nominees with packets that are complete may, unfortunately, never rise to the level of Induction though the nominee may have made great contributions to conservation. It is possible that other nominees out-compete them each year.

Standards for Selection into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame Shall Include But Are Not Limited To:

(Adopted by WCHF Board of Directors – September 1991, Revised June 2021)

Nominee's contribution was of such a nature as to have state-wide, inter-state, or national significance;

Nominee's contribution affected a wide range of natural resources;

Nominee's contributions were made in a manner that will enable them to be measured in context of past inductees' contributions, and in the historical setting of the time in which they lived;

Nominee must have significant ties to Wisconsin, i.e., birth, family, background, residency, education, primary body of work, or other means of calling Wisconsin their "home;"

Nominee shall have made a sustained and outstanding contribution to conservation of at least one, and preferably several, of the following kinds:

- Environmental law enforcement
- Applied resource management
- Conservation education

- Conservation policy formation, legislation, and/or public leadership
- Conservation-oriented research
- Conservation literature, art and/or journalism

Nominee's character and behavior should not reflect negatively on Wisconsin's conservation community, taking into consideration the historical setting of the time in which they lived;

If the nominee is living, they shall be at a stage in their career that their contributions are undeniable and are likely not to be impugned by any of their present or future endeavors.