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A Commission of the Maryland Department of Human Resources

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2016 MARYLAND WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly are issuing a call for nominations for the 2016 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 to the arts, athletics, business, education, government, the humanities, human rights, law, medicine, philanthropy or science. The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame provides the opportunity to honor these remarkable women.

The 2016 Women's Hall of Fame is chaired by Commissioner A. Diane Williams. We invite organizations and individuals to submit nominations. Candidates must be Maryland women whose achievements are of historic significance to our state. Historical and contemporary women are inducted each year. Among those honored are legislators, political and social activists, scientists, medical professionals, educators, writers, spiritual and community leaders. They represent the women who have helped shape Maryland, the United States and the world.

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 Governor will honor these individuals in a special ceremony in **March of 2016**.

The selection process and criteria for nominees are delineated on the enclosed form. 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, December 18, 2015, 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
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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 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 at least 10 years of their lives in Maryland.
- Must have made significant and lasting contributions to the arts, athletics, business, education, government, the humanities, human rights, law, medicine, philanthropy or 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 and Maryland Commission for Women are not eligible for nomination.



2016 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 or discipline (art, athletics, business, science, government, humanities, education, 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 2016 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 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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2016 MARYLAND WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this entire form and submit it with the complete nomination packet - narrative, photo and supporting documents (see instructions).

I/we, the undersigned, present the following nomination packet for consideration:

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 Discipline: _____

Name of Nearest Living Relative: _____ Relationship to Nominee _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Relative's Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

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

References:

1. Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

2. Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

As Nominator, Please provide the following information:

Name of Nominator: _____

Relationship to Nominee, if any: _____

Title of Nominator: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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

Cell Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Complete nomination submissions must be received by 4 p.m. December 18, 2015 and must include this form, the narrative of no more than 500 words, a photo of the nominee (as described in the call for nominations) and all supporting documents, totaling no more than 10 pages.

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*Or mail to:
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Received by the Maryland Commission for Women: _____