



UNITED STATES BALLOONING HALL OF FAME

*A Partnership of the Balloon Federation of America
And the National Balloon Museum*

PURPOSE

To recognize individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the history, development or growth of ballooning in the United States. The selection of an inductee to the United States Ballooning Hall of Fame is a **merit-based** selection.

ORGANIZATION

The United States Ballooning Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame) is a partnership of the Balloon Federation of America (BFA) and the National Balloon Museum (Museum). These organizations will establish a standing Hall of Fame Committee of five members. The BFA Awards Committee chair shall chair the committee. Of the remaining members, The BFA President will appoint three members, one of which will be a current or past board member. The final member will be appointed by the Museum. Only individuals who are members of the BFA are eligible for the Hall of Fame Committee.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

To be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame, candidates must have been active in some aspect of ballooning (including airships). Activities may include, but are not limited to, manufacturing (including homebuilt and experimental), invention, record and epic flights, competition, journalism or publication, or other noteworthy lighter than air activities.

CANDIDATES FOR CONSIDERATION

Candidate information forms will be available on the BFA web site and can be submitted at any time for future consideration. The BFA Awards Committee Chair shall provide the submitted information to the Hall of Fame Committee to be considered during their selection process. Information for candidates not selected for induction into the Hall of Fame will be kept on file for future consideration.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Balloon Federation of America will be responsible for:

- The BFA president shall identify and appoint those members of the Hall of Fame Committee representing the BFA, including the chair of the BFA Awards Committee.
- Selection of Inductees – The recommendations of the Hall of Fame Committee shall be received by the BFA Board of Directors at their annual meeting. They shall select up to three inductees and the BFA liaison to the Museum will inform the Museum curator and Museum President of the inductees who were selected for the Hall of Fame. Additional inductees may be selected in any one year under special circumstances as recommended by the Hall of Fame Committee.
- Communication – Once the National Balloon Museum has notified the inductees, the BFA & Museum will announce the inductees via all the normal communication channels available at that time. Examples are: All Member emails, Ballooning Magazine, Facebook, web site, etc.
- Plaques – The BFA will be responsible for purchasing two plaques (one given to the recipient and the other to be placed on the US Ballooning Hall of Fame wall at the Museum) for each inductee.
- Ceremony – There should be at least one BFA director attending the induction ceremony at the Hall of Fame.

National Balloon Museum will be responsible for:

- Identifying and appointing the member for the Hall of Fame Committee representing the Museum.
- Notification – The Museum President and The Museum curator will notify the selected inductees with an appropriate announcement signed by the BFA President and the Museum President.
- Plaques – The Museum curator will validate inductee information and order the plaques.
- Display – The Museum will be responsible for creating the display of the inductee's history and biography.
- Induction Ceremony – The Museum will be responsible for organizing the yearly induction ceremony and providing appropriate press releases.
- Maintenance – The Museum will be responsible for maintaining the Hall of Fame wall.

Hall of Fame Committee will be responsible for:

- Authorization – The Boards of Directors of the Museum and the BFA authorize the Hall of Fame Committee to conduct a selection process each year for the purpose of identifying potential candidates for induction to the Hall of Fame.
- Potential Candidates – Each Hall of Fame Committee member may provide candidate information for consideration and shall seek and encourage others to provide information on eligible candidates.
- Criteria – The **merit-based** selection shall be made primarily upon the individual's achievements or contributions. Consideration will also be given to the candidate's character, sportsmanship and longevity in ballooning.
- Contributions – The Hall of Fame Committee will ensure, to the best of their ability, that the potential candidates for induction have made genuine and significant contributions to ballooning.
- Inductees – The Hall of Fame Committee will recommend a list of up to six potential candidates to the BFA Board of Directors for their selection for induction each year. Under special circumstances the Committee may select additional candidates for consideration by the BFA Board. The Board should be made aware of the special circumstances. The potential candidates for induction can be either living or deceased.
- Recommendations – The Hall of Fame Committee shall provide their final recommendation on potential candidates for induction to the BFA board members prior to their annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS

The BFA Board of Directors reserves the right to revoke, alter or amend these rules at any time after consultation with the Museum.



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Candidate Information Form

Date: _____

Person Submitting Candidate: _____

Person Submitting Candidate Email: _____

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

Address: _____ **City, State, ZIP:** _____

CANDIDATE Email: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Describe the basis for the submission: A *complete* ballooning Biography needs to be included so the person can be considered for this Award. All Candidate information will be kept on file and reviewed annually.

Instructions: Fill out and forward to the BFA Awards Chairperson. Check www.bfa.net for current contact info. Contact the BFA Awards Chairperson, BFA Office bfaoffice@bfa.net (515) 961-8809 or contact any current BFA Board of Director with any Questions.

This is not an annual submission/receipt Award, the Candidate info you submit is gathered and placed on the List of possible Candidates to be considered every year for induction to the Hall of Fame. If not selected the year of the submission, it will still be considered every year moving forward.

Document & all Candidate information must be received before the HOF Committee meets to review possible Candidates. This is usually early of each year to allow enough time for Committee review before the BFA Annual Meeting currently held in October.