

# WSSHOF

## **Ware Shoals Schools Hall of Fame**

*Established August 29, 2019*

## **Bylaws and Nomination Criteria**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Ware Shoals Schools Hall of Fame (hereinafter “Hall of Fame”), which is a program under the jurisdiction of the Hall Of Fame Board.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The Hall of Fame is organized as a way of maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of successful academic and athletic programs of Ware Shoals Schools. The Hall of Fame program will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving and honoring individuals who made significant contributions to the academic and athletic programs at our schools, as well as our distinguished alumni and others who have excelled through their community involvement or in the business world. The Hall of Fame program honors those whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding achievement in their life’s work and/or service to their communities. An honoree’s spirit and leadership are worthy of recognition and have inspired praise and gratitude among his or her peers.

### **ARTICLE III: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION**

#### **Requirements**

Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of ethical conduct and moral character. All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long-term contributions.

In order to maintain the integrity of the Hall of Fame, a nominee must meet the criteria in one of the following three categories:

#### **1. Benefactor / Contributor**

Any person who has been a loyal and devoted benefactor of Ware Shoals Schools’ athletics or academics for a minimum of ten (10) years or in an extraordinary manner. This category might include founders, legislators, supporters, staff, or media people, for example, but without limitation. The inductee may be either living or deceased.

#### **2. Distinguished Alumni**

- ***Athletic Achievement:*** Any former Ware Shoals Schools athlete who distinguished himself/herself in the field of athletics and lettered in a varsity sport. Must be a graduate and out of school for at least ten (10) years. Nominees must be, or have been a credit to his/her family, country and Ware Shoals. The inductee may be either living or deceased.

- ***Professional Achievement:*** Any former Ware Shoals Schools student who distinguished himself/herself with excellence and acknowledged leadership in his/her chosen field. Must be a graduate and out of school for at least ten (10) years. Nominees must be, or have been a credit to his/her family, country and Ware Shoals. The inductee may be either living or deceased.
- ***Humanitarian Achievement:*** Any former Ware Shoals Schools student who distinguished himself/herself with excellence and acknowledged leadership in community service. Must be a graduate and out of school for a least ten (10) years. Nominees must be, or have been a credit to his/her family, country and Ware Shoals.

### **3. Distinguished Educator**

- **Administrators, Coaches, Teachers:** A nominee must have been an administrator, coach or teacher within the Ware Shoals Schools for minimum of ten (10) years and must have distinguished himself/herself by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character and achievement during his/her tenure in Ware Shoals. The inductee must be inactive to be eligible for consideration. The inductee may be either living or deceased.

## **Procedures**

A nomination for induction into the Hall of Fame may be submitted by the HOF Board, current faculty, administration, staff, by an alumnus(a), by the media, or by the general public.

1. All entries must be submitted on the official Ware Shoals Schools Hall of Fame nomination form. The nomination form shall be available through the Superintendent's office, the high school office, and district website.
2. The nomination form shall be completed and submitted to and received by the Superintendent along with appropriate support materials by April 1 for a candidate to be considered for induction in the next school year. All nominations received for consideration must contain active and current address and contact information for the nominee (or family, if deceased). Failure to supply adequate support material may result in invalidating the application.
3. In addition to the official nomination form, the following materials should be submitted for an individual's consideration:
  - A letter of recommendation from the person making the nomination, and other letters of support from appropriate individuals who can validate or substantiate pertinent information related to the nominee.
  - If available a limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of scorebooks and statistics may be included to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee.
  - If available, a suitable photograph should be submitted.
4. Nominees will be reviewed for references and history to ensure satisfaction of Hall of Fame requirements and qualifications.
5. Nominees not selected may be re-nominated the following or subsequent years.

### **Nominations are to be submitted to:**

Ware Shoals School District Hall of Fame Board C/O

Dr. Fay Sprouse

56 South Greenwood Ave.

Ware Shoals, SC 29692

Or via email:

[fsprouse@gwd51.org](mailto:fsprouse@gwd51.org)

### **Size of Inaugural Class**

With the exception of the inaugural class, the class of inductees shall not number more than five (5) per year. There shall not be a minimum number of selections.

It shall be the objective of this project to identify, nominate and select appropriate representation of individuals, including those from previously underrepresented populations.

### **Induction**

- Induction will be during the fall football season. Inductees will be honored at an annual HOF event.
- A chairperson will be appointed for the event and induction ceremonies as the selection begins.
- Inductees will be given a plaque to indicate their membership in the Hall of Fame.
- Hall of Fame members will be featured on an Honor Wall in the high school to stimulate student and community interest in the Hall of Fame, and to recognize.
- The Board expects that ticket sales for the event will cover the expenses.
- All travel expenses to and from the Hall of Fame event are the sole responsibility of the inductee.

## **ARTICLE IV: GOVERNANCE**

**The Hall of Fame shall be governed by the Hall of Fame Board of directors, hereafter known as “the Board.”**

The Board shall consist of not less than seven (7) or more than eleven (11) members. The Board shall include the following representatives from the Ware Shoals School District: the Superintendent, high school principal or designee, Athletic Director, a representative from the Board of Trustees, and additional alumni and members from the community and school district.

### **The duties and responsibilities of the Board shall be as follows:**

- Attend regularly scheduled meetings.
- Evaluate and update the policies and operational procedures annually.
- Evaluate the nomination of individuals submitted that fulfill the requirements for consideration.
- Validate and approve all worthy candidates for induction into the Ware Shoals School District Hall of Fame. This is to be done under the parameters as set forth in this document.
- It is the duty of all Board members to vote, whether in person, by proxy, or electronically.
- The Board shall consist of not less than seven (7) or more than eleven (11) members, terms of office shall be for three years and can be re-appointed by the Superintendent.

### **The voting procedures of the Board shall be as follows:**

- The Board shall review candidates based on information available after the April 1<sup>st</sup> nomination deadline.
- After open discussion about candidates, the Board will vote to determine inductees. Each member may vote for up to 5 nominees. The top 5 vote recipients, receiving votes from the majority of the Board members, shall be the inductees.
- The deliberations of the Board will be confidential.
- Inductees will be announced at a pre-determined time following the final selection process and after the individuals have been contacted.
- Prior publicity concerning nominees is not appropriate.
- The Board shall release pertinent information to the media concerning the inductees.