

WSDAA Hall of Fame Guidelines

Article 1 – Purpose of the WSDAA Hall of Fame

One of the important efforts by the Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association is the WSDAA Hall of Fame. Its purpose is to honor WSD individuals who have shown outstanding accomplishments in one of the “ACES”: Arts, Community Service, Education, and Sports during their high school or college years, or adult life. A Special Recognition is also given.

Article 2 – Criteria for Nomination of Candidates

The “ACES” guidelines for WSDAA Hall of Fame are as follows:

Section 1. (**Arts**) WSD alumni who have become accomplished or renowned artists, designers, architects, actors/actresses, sculptors, and photographers or are recognized in other arts-related fields. And also have voluntarily contributed time to the Deaf community. Eligibility is twenty (20) years after graduating from or leaving WSD.

Section 2. (**Community Service**) WSD alumni who have performed valuable roles at the local, state or national level for the Deaf community, non-profit associations/organizations, or fraternal societies. Individuals who have made a substantial and lasting impact on the education of the deaf. Individuals who have volunteered their time to organizations such as deaf community service centers, hospitals, or Red Cross. Individuals who have displayed excellence in their professional or non-educational careers that have greatly benefited the Deaf community or the general public. Eligibility is twenty (20) years after graduating from or leaving WSD.

Section 3. (**Education**) WSD alumni who have been recognized by their peers or former WSD students for excellence in teaching, for inspiring deaf students, or for successfully administering educational programs for the deaf and hard of hearing. Individuals who have a positive influence on education for many years and who also have voluntarily contributed time to the Deaf community. Eligibility is ten (10) years after retirement.

Section 4. (**Sports**) Any female or male candidates who must have attended WSD for at least two (2) academic years and who also must have participated in athletic activities for at least one (1) year of interscholastic competition at the high school level. And also have voluntarily contributed time to the Deaf community. Eligibility is (20) years after graduating from or leaving WSD.

Section 5. (**Sports**) WSD alumni who must have spent at least five (5) years successfully coaching any athletic competition or who have produced a champion team during the first four (4) years of a coaching career. And also have voluntarily contributed time to the Deaf community. Eligibility is ten (10) years after retirement from coaching.

Section 6. **Special Recognition for the WSD Staffers.** Individuals – who have never matriculated at WSD – have been either an outstanding educator, an administrator or a coach with a service record of twenty (20) years or more at WSD, and who must have demonstrated excellence in any of the criteria above are eligible. And also have voluntarily contributed time to the Deaf community. Eligibility is ten (10) years after retirement.

Section 7. **Disqualification.** The candidates convicted of a felony under local/state/federal laws are not eligible for the WSDAA Hall of Fame.

