

# WSDAA Hall of Fame Guidelines

## Article 1 – Purpose of the WSDAA Hall of Fame

The Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association (WSDAA) established the WSDAA Hall of Fame to honor individuals who have shown outstanding accomplishments in one of the ACESS areas: Arts, Community Service, Education, and Sports, during high school, college, or adult life. Special Recognition may also be awarded.

## Article 2 – Criteria for Nomination of Candidates

WSD Alumni who meet the ACESS guidelines as listed below may be nominated to the WSDAA Hall of Fame:

### Section 1: Arts

- Individuals who are accomplished or renowned artists, designers, architects, actors, sculptors, or photographers, or who have been recognized in other arts-related fields
- Individuals have volunteered time to the Deaf community in any ACESS category
- Eligibility begins twenty (20) years after graduating from or leaving WSD

### Section 2: Community Service

- Individuals who have performed valuable roles for the Deaf community at local, state or national levels, in non-profit associations/organizations or in human services
- Individuals who have volunteered their time to organizations such as Deaf community service centers, hospitals, or the 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 begins twenty (20) years after graduating from or leaving WSD

### Section 3: Education

- Individuals who have been recognized by fellow staff, students, or educational organizations for excellence in teaching or for inspiring deaf and hard of hearing students
- Individuals who have successfully administered educational programs for deaf and hard of hearing students
- Individuals who have made a positive, substantial and lasting impact on the education of deaf and hard of hearing students
- Individuals have volunteered time to the Deaf community in any ACESS category
- Eligibility begins ten (10) years after retirement

### Section 4a: Sports: Athlete

- Individuals who attended WSD as a student for at least two (2) academic years
- Individuals who participated in athletics for at least two (2) years of interscholastic competition at the high school or college level
- Individuals as alumni who participated in any non-interscholastic sports
- Individuals have volunteered time to the Deaf community in any ACESS category
- Eligibility begins (20) years after graduating from or leaving WSD

### Section 4b: Sports: Coaching

- Individuals who spent at least five (5) years successfully coaching athletics
- Individuals who produced a championship team during the first four (4) years of their coaching career
- Individuals have volunteered time to the Deaf community in any ACESS category
- Eligibility begins ten (10) years after retirement from coaching

### Section 5: Special Recognition for WSD Staff

- Individuals who are not WSD alumni
- Individuals with a service record of twenty (20) years or more at WSD
- Criteria listed in the Arts, Community Service, Education and Sports Sections above will be used to determine eligibility
- Eligibility begins ten (10) years after retirement

### Section 6: Disqualification

- Individuals convicted of a felony under local/state/federal laws are not eligible for nomination to the WSDAA Hall of Fame