

112.000 Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame**5-1-13**

The purpose of this policy is to honor the significant contributions of older Arkansans.

The Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame was created by the 78th General Assembly to honor the significant contributions of older Arkansans. As stipulated in Act 1218 of 1991, the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame is administered by the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) of the Department of Human Services.

112.001 General Authority**5-1-13**

Arkansas Legislature, Act 1218 of 1991

112.002 Definitions**5-1-13**

Citizen of the State of Arkansas - an individual must be a legal resident of the state of Arkansas at the time of nomination.

Nominee - an individual that has been nominated for consideration of their selection and induction into the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame.

Senior - an individual who has attained age sixty (60) or older at the time of nomination.

112.100 Eligibility Requirements**5-1-13**

- A. To be considered for selection to the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame, nominees shall:
1. Be a citizen of the State of Arkansas;
 2. Be at least 60 years of age or older at the time of nomination; and
 3. Have performed outstanding contributions or services, which have promoted, enhanced and enriched the quality of life for citizens of Arkansas, especially Senior Arkansans.

B. Posthumous Nominations:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, one (1) posthumous nomination may be

selected by an Area Agency on Aging selection committee per service area if:

1. A spouse, sibling, child, or grandchild of the nominee agrees to accept the nomination on behalf of the deceased nominee; and
2. Information concerning the nominee's outstanding contributions or services can be properly verified.

112.200 Policies and Procedures

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A. DAAS shall:

1. In consultation with the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, create nomination forms to be distributed to: the Arkansas Area Agencies on Aging, Arkansas Senior Centers, Alumni of the Silver-Haired Legislative Session, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, Members of the Arkansas General Assembly and the general public through the DAAS's website;
2. Issue appropriate press release announcements of the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame nominations and Induction Ceremony, including the announcements through the inductees' local newspaper;
3. Determine and publish deadlines for submission of completed nomination forms to the Area Agencies on Aging;

B. The Area Agency on Aging shall:

1. Accept nominations of Seniors residing in the geographic area served by the Area Agency on Aging;
2. Form a selection committee to determine no more than three (3) nominees to forward to DAAS;
3. Verify all information contained within the nomination form prior to their selection of candidates and submission to DAAS.

C. Final Selection Committee:

In consultation with the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, DAAS shall create scoring sheets. The nomination forms and scoring sheets shall be forwarded to a Final Selection Committee for scoring. Upon receipt of the Final Selection Committee's returned score sheet, DAAS will tabulate scores.

Nominees with the three (3) highest combined total scores will be inducted into the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame. In the event of a tie score, nominees within the three highest combined total scores will be inducted into the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame.

D. The Final Selection Committee, when possible, will include:

1. A member of the Arkansas General Assembly Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare & Labor;
2. A member of the Arkansas General Assembly House Committee on Aging, Children & Youth, Military Affairs;
3. Executive Members of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging;
4. President, or designee, of the Arkansas Gerontological Society;
5. The Director of DAAS or Director's designee.
6. In the event the Final Selection Committee fails to secure at least three (3) of the foregoing persons, DAAS in consultation with the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, will invite appropriate representatives of governmental or community entities within the aging network to be a member of the Final Selection Committee.

112.300 Induction Ceremony

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In consultation with the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, DAAS will determine the date, time, and location of an induction ceremony. Whenever possible the induction ceremony shall be held in May to coincide with Older American's Month.

DAAS shall provide individual plaques and certificates of appreciation to the inductees. DAAS shall provide certificates of appreciation to all nominees. A perpetual plaque containing the names of all inductees into the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame will be maintained at the Office of the Governor of the State of Arkansas and at the DAAS Central Office.