

HALL OF FAME

Purpose: To give recognition from the Southwestern District to those men that have made exceptional, long standing, unselfish, dedicated and devoted contributions to the District, Chapter and Society. This award shall serve to extol the virtues of such participation, responsibility, excellence and high ideal we hold in special regard and is intended to focus pride on these achievements.

Qualifications: To be inducted into the Hall of Fame a person must have been a member of the district for not less than 10 years and the society of not less than 15 years. Their contributions may have been in various levels of organization: musical, administrative, or both. These levels include Chapter, Division, District and the Society and shall be in the nature of service and activities which have added to the overall well-being of the district and the furtherance of the hobby.

Recognition need not be limited to current Society members but the recognized service shall have been performed while the individual was a member of the Society and the District. The recipient need not be living to receive the recognition.

The basic criteria of qualifications could include, but is not limited to, the activities of quarteting, chorus directing, coaching, contest judging, composing, arranging, publishing, administrating, writing, promoting, teaching, philanthropy, etc., and preferably in some combination of these. This shall be marked by unselfish, dedicated and devoted service.

Selection Committee: The Southwestern District Hall of Fame shall consist of five members who are also members of district chapters and who reside in the district. One will be designated as Chairman by the SWD President and be responsible for the activities of the committee. This program is sponsored by the Board. Because many of the honorees may have other commitments or have reduced their Districts activity, it is recommended that the designated Chairman make recommendations to the president on the remaining members of the committee.

To assure some continuity of effort and to benefit from past experience, at least three experienced committee members should be retained on each annual selection committee. Multiple members, such as a quartet, are eligible for this award and such selected groups will be permitted one member to be considered for committee work.

The Executive Vice President of the District is to be a nonvoting member of the committee and is to be co-chairman and liaison with the Board of Directors.

Nomination: The nomination of a person for induction into the Hall of Fame shall be made by any member of the district. A call for nominations will be made by the committee to the District's membership and the appropriate form supplied upon request, for completion. The description of achievements need not be precise on dates, places, results, etc., but must provide sufficient credible information to substantiate the qualifications offered. Collaborating sources, such as publications or individuals, may be used.

A specific person may be nominated more than once. If someone is nominated by more than one person, it shall be treated as a single nomination but the combined facts and information may be considered.

Selection Procedure: The committee shall review the information. It is recognized that there will be a greater number of nominees in the earlier years of this program than in later years. While it is not intended to be limited to one person per year, after the initial years it is recognized there may be less activity. At all times the award should be given only when clearly appropriate and most deserving. Special consideration should be given to consider a past or deceased member, when appropriate.

The committee shall review the nominations and come to a consensus of recommendations. These would be presented to the Board of Directors of the district for their acquiescence or rejection.

Award and Recognition: Each inductee, or their designated representative or heir, shall be presented at the Fall Saturday evening show. There will be a plaque and other distinctive presentations made in public.

The District Historian shall maintain a scrapbook of Hall of Fame members and pertinent data, and the editor of *The Roundup* shall feature the inductees in the publication. The name of the inductees shall be listed in the District Honor Lists. Every effort should be made to have the inductees present during the ceremony.