

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME 2020

The Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame was established in 1991 by the Board of Directors of the Western North Carolina Community Development Association, Inc. (currently known as WNC Communities) for the purpose of recognizing, encouraging, and promoting agriculture in the twenty westernmost counties of the state.

The objectives of the Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame are as follows:

- To identify and honor significant contributions to agriculture
- To recognize individuals who have been responsible for agricultural advancement
- To improve and promote agriculture as a result of the honorees work within the agriculture community in any phase of agriculture or agricultural related endeavors

Selection of members for the Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame is conducted annually and the general public is invited to submit nominations for this honor according to the following guidelines and judging criteria.

Program Managed By:



WNCCommunities

594 Brevard Road
Asheville, NC 28806
828-252-4783

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION

Nominations may be completed by an individual or organization and the following ***must be received at*** WNC Communities by **Monday , March 9, 2020** for the Committee's consideration:

- Completed Nomination Form (attached)
- Two letters of recommendation (maximum of five)
- Summary addressing:
 - Area the nominee impacted or served
 - Educational and professional background information
 - Achievements in the agriculture area
 - Accomplishments focusing on agriculture, including, but not limited to:
 - Awards and honors
 - Organizations and offices held
 - Elaborate on how nominee has been a pioneer in the field of agriculture
- A current picture (headshot) of the nominee will be necessary. In the event the nominee is selected, the photo will be used for plaque & promotional materials.
- Additional relevant materials, such as newspaper clippings, brochures, etc. are welcome.

The WNC Ag Hall of Fame Committee has no obligation to reconsider previous nominees. However, previous nominations will be considered if the nomination form is updated with current documentation.

Posthumous nominations are appropriate and will be considered.

The nominee need not be a native of Western North Carolina and does not have to be living in Western North Carolina at the time of recognition. However, the accomplishments for which the individual is being nominated must have been specifically beneficial to this area. The nominee needs to be an exceptional, upstanding member of the community with integrity beyond reproach.

The formal announcement and induction of this year's members will take place on **Friday, May 29, 2020** at the Mountain Horticulture Crops Research & Extension Center in Mills River. Inductees will be included in promotional material designed for public distribution. Embossed bronze plaques with pictures of members of the Western North Carolina Agriculture Hall of Fame and a brief outline of their contributions are on display at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center in Mills River. New inductees may purchase a duplicate of the bronze plaque for their own use. The cost of the plaque is approximately \$600. The plaque can be presented during the ceremony as a gift from family and/or friends. Another option is a framed certificate to present the day of the luncheon.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Area of coverage, influence and impact in all twenty counties (Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) as well as areas outside Western North Carolina are considered. Impact in only one county with only minimal impact in surrounding counties may score lower.

A clear and solid involvement in the agricultural field is essential – other endeavors, while important in the overall context of the individual's life, will not be the primary consideration.

Content or value of an individual's contributions is compared to the standard that has been set by the previous inductees.

The Committee searches for individuals who were pioneers in their field; this search includes those who were innovative and made new and lasting advancements.

2020 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please Check One:

_____ Living Nominee

_____ Posthumous Nominee

Nominee and/or family aware of the nomination:

_____ YES

_____ NO

Submitter Information:

Organization Submitting Nomination: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE NOMINATION:

_____ Completed Nomination Form

_____ *First* Recommendation Letter

_____ *Second* Recommendation Letter

_____ Summary including education, achievements, accomplishments & pioneer status

_____ Photo (headshot)

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY MAIL OR DELIVERY TO:

WNC Communities, 594 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806

EMAIL: terriwells@wnccommunities.org

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: *Monday, March 9, 2020*

QUESTIONS: The application packet must be complete to be considered. Call 828-252-4783

WNC AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2019

Theron Larnce Maybin Sr.- Henderson
L.T. Ward - Buncombe

2018

Michael R. Corn – Buncombe
William A. Holbrook – Haywood

2017

William Waightstill Avery– Avery
W. Charles “Charlie” Jackson– Buncombe

2016

John M. Queen, III – Haywood
Don R. Smart – Haywood

2015

William C. “Bill” Parton – Burke
Walter A. Skroch – Ashe

2014

Kenneth R. Reeves – Buncombe
Dr. C.R. “Dick” Unrath – Henderson

2013

David L. Lee – Buncombe
Roger Hyatt – Graham

2012

Layten Davis – Madison
Gwyn B. Price (P) – Ashe

2011

William H. Teague – Buncombe
Bill Yarborough - Haywood

2010

Ronald Lamb - Henderson
Charles Ziegler - Transylvania

2009

Linda Ford – Buncombe
Thomas Thrash - Buncombe

2008

Neal Stamey – Haywood
Jerry Sutton – Macon

2007

J. D. Brooks – Alleghany
Albert Plemmons – Transylvania

2006

Robert Shipley – Watauga
Dr. Paul Shoemaker - Henderson

2005

William A. “Bill” Edmondson - Martin
J. L. “Bud” Sales, Jr. - Buncombe

2004

Albert Miles Clark – Buncombe
Wilburn Bryan Collins – Alleghany

(P) – Posthumous Award

2003

Patricia O. Brinkley – Buncombe
William N. Aldridge – Avery

2002

James R. “Jim” Edwards – Haywood
Sam Cartner – Avery

2001

Richard G. Jennings – Haywood
Ernst R. Laursen – Buncombe

2000

William S. Enloe – Henderson

Robert L. “Jack” Lyday – Swain

1999

Dr. Randy G. Gardner – Henderson

Dr. David R. Burnette – Buncombe

1998

Jacob F. Grigg – Madison
Evelyn M. Hill – Henderson

1997

J. Kenneth Perry (P)
George H.V. Cecil – Buncombe
Liston B. Ramsey – Madison

1996

Dr. James E. Shelton – Henderson
B.F. Nesbitt – Henderson

1995

J.D. Cooley – Rutherford
Charles “Pink” Francis - Haywood

1994

Dwight W. Bennett – Henderson
Harley E. Blackwell – Henderson
James A. Graham - Raleigh

1993

S.E. Johnston, Jr. – Henderson
Charles “Jack” Messer – Haywood
D. Reeves Noland (P) – Haywood
Harry G. Silver – Buncombe
John B. Veach – Buncombe

1992

R. Theodore “Bob” Bullington – Henderson
Robert B. Phillips - Mitchell

1991

Richard L. Barber, Jr. – Haywood
James Clayton Davis - Haywood
Dr. Thomas R. Konsler – NCSU
Morris L. “Mac” McGough – Buncombe
Clyde K. Osborne - Transylvania
Denver D. Robinson – Cary
George W. Vanderbilt (P) – Buncombe
E.J. Whitmire – Macon