

The Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame

Rules for Nomination and Induction

The Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame was established in 1966 by the Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. It is administered by a board of directors that includes representatives from campus and professional chapters of the society from throughout the state, and is intended to recognize those whose conspicuous contributions to the field of journalism have earned them a place in Indiana journalism history. The Hall of Fame is housed in the East College of DePauw University, birthplace in 1909 of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The process of nominating a person for enshrinement in the Hall of Fame may be begun at any time of year (*but to be considered for induction next spring, nominations must be received by October 1*). Send a letter of nomination, including a brief biography of the nominee and any supporting documentation, to the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame c/o Lawrence Taylor, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 785, Bloomington IN 47402.

The nominator subsequently will be asked to provide additional documentation about the nominee. That information may include, but not be limited to: 1.) Letters of support, including letters that demonstrate, with illustrative anecdotes and statements, why the nominee should be included in the Hall of Fame; 2.) Examples of the nominee's work; and 3.) Articles, books and testimonials about the nominee. All the material will become a part of the permanent Hall of Fame collection at DePauw University.

A selection committee approved by the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame board of directors will screen current and past nominations during the month of October each year. Final selections will be made by a vote of the board. Those selected will be inducted by the board at a banquet in the spring of the year.

Guidelines for nomination...

1. Nominees should be selected from the entire period of Indiana journalism history.
2. Nearly all nominees will have been active in journalism for a number of years. For these purposes, journalism is defined as including the direction of the editorial policy of, the editing of, or the preparation of news and editorial content of newspapers, magazines, press or syndicated services, professional or business publications, radio or television; or, the teaching of journalism so defined. The definition is both broad — in the numbers of persons who qualify under it — and narrow, to make it clear that nominees should have been dedicated to the principle of professionalism and to the purely editorial function of the profession. The board has determined that although some individuals may, as a part of their job, write or produce news or other public information, the following are not eligible for nomination to the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame: All types of public relations and house-organ personnel and information and press-relations personnel employed by government at any level or by corporations, public relations or advertising agencies, colleges or universities, non-profit corporations or foundations, or financial institutions. Promotion managers employed by an institution or company — including newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations — are also not eligible. Also excluded are government officials and members of the armed services, with the exception of members of the editorial staff of *Stars and Stripes*.

As a guideline for considering otherwise-qualified journalists, these criteria should be used: Persons who contributed significantly to journalism, as defined; persons who contributed to the regard others have for journalism; and persons whose journalistic activities contributed to their communities and those whose efforts and influence have had an impact on a community's political, social, economic or cultural life.

3. Non-journalists may be considered, if they nonetheless have contributed significantly to journalism and if they have helped raise the regard others have for journalism.