

Hall of Fame

Eligibility

- *Alumni*: Must have graduated from Benton School District at least 5 years prior to nomination.
- *Staff & Teachers*: Must have served the school for a minimum of 10 years. Retirement is not a requirement.
- *Community Members*: Must have contributed significantly to the school district in some manner.

Criteria

- *Academic Excellence*: Nominees who have distinguished themselves in academia.
- *Career Accomplishments*: Professionals who have made a significant impact in their field.
- *Community Service*: Dedication to philanthropic efforts, including volunteering.
- *Arts & Culture*: Contribution to the arts, whether it be music, art, theater, etc.
- *Athletic Achievement*: Not just for scoring goals but also for exemplifying sportsmanship.

Additional Points

- *Letters of Recommendation*: At least two, but no more than five, letters of recommendation must be submitted on behalf of the nominee.
- *Documentation*: Supporting materials that confirm achievements, like articles, awards, etc.
- *Character*: Overall ethical and moral standing in the community.

Review Process

- *Nomination Deadline*: All nominations must be submitted by a set date.
- *Selection Committee*: Composed of school board members, school staff, and community leaders.
- *Voting*: A democratic process where committee members will rank applicants. (1 being their highest vote). Those with lowest totals will be enshrined. A tie for fifth place will be broken by a vote between just those two candidates.
- Limited number of no more than five entrants per year.

Nomination Process

- *Nominated*: Must be nominated by someone else.
- *Application Fee*: Required donation of \$25 to either the Benton Athletic Boosters or the Benton Music Boosters. Have music and athletic boosters agree to split costs of award for inductee and plaque for the school. Cost per inductee approximately \$150. Samples attached.
- *Nomination Deadline*: September 30th by 11:59pm.