

GFO Policy: Hall of Fame Awards
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Policy

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon has established the Hall of Fame Award as a way to honor members who have performed outstanding service to the Forum. The award is limited to one per year, except in the case where a pair of members has worked together. A nomination may be made by any forum member, and the awardee will be selected from the panel of nominations by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Nominees must have a well-documented history of:

- Service
- Leadership
- And accomplishment

in more than one facet of the Forum over a long period of time.

Procedure

Any member may nominate another member for the award in writing. A nomination must be submitted to the Forum President, and should include:

- Name and member number;
- List of services, activities, positions and accomplishments;
- A narrative describing the nature of their work in terms of its importance to the success of the Forum;
- A short biography.

All areas of service should be examined and may include, but not be limited to, service as an officer or Board member, chairing a major committee, Reading Room Receptionist, chairing a special interest group, research or data development, or other responsibilities. Other important activities to present might include publishing their own books, teaching, presentations, and developing publications or electronic GFO products such as on-line databases or CDs.

The Board will review the information on all nominees, and may also consider nominations carried forward from a previous year. The Board will select the one which in their judgment is the most deserving. The Board may decline to select an awardee if the available nominations are found to be inadequate, or if no nominations are received.

Information submitted for nominees who were not selected for the award will be retained by the Secretary for possible use in future years by the Board.

Prior to publication of the award, an official biography will be prepared from the data submitted in the nomination. It will be presented to the awardee for verification.

Schedule for nomination process:

- Feb.: Newsletter announcement about nominations, including criteria.
- April: Nominations presented to Board.
- May: Board acts to select a nominee. Plaque prepared.

June: Award presentation at the Annual Meeting.
July: Publication of official biography.