

# 2026 WEST VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY HALL OF FAME

## ENSHRINEMENT NOMINATION

***Deadline for 2026 nominations is February 16, 2026***

Enshrinement in the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame is granted to individuals, businesses, organizations, institutions and foundations that have helped improve our nation through outstanding contributions that established, developed, advanced or improved agriculture, forestry and/or family life in West Virginia.



## QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

This honor is only given to those who have lived in West Virginia; have had a long-tenured association with agriculture, forestry and/or family life; have made outstanding, direct contributions to those industries and have demonstrated the highest standards of leadership and contribution on a local, state, national and international level.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address (If living): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years the nominee has been involved in the field of agriculture, forestry and/or family life:

\_\_\_\_\_

If nominee is deceased, fill out the following:

Date Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

- **To nominate an individual whose life and contributions predate the founding of the Hall of Fame, see Article VII, section 4, paragraph four of the Bylaws.**

***No more than nine (9) enshrinees, a maximum of three (3) each in Agriculture, Forestry and Family Life, shall be recommended or enshrined annually. Without regard to the limits established in the preceding paragraph, the recognition committee may give special consideration to nominees for enshrinement whose lives and contributions predated the founding of the Hall of Fame. Selection of nominees should be based wholly on the information submitted in the approved nomination form. Letters of support for a nominee which do not provide additional information will be disregarded.***

- **Complete the qualification requirement information and attach a narrative that describes the individual's contributions to agriculture, forestry and/or family life in West Virginia.**

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### CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_ Forestry \_\_\_\_\_ Family Life

I certify that the individual nominated in the preceding documents meets the qualification requirements for enshrinement in the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame and the statements in the nomination form and the attached documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Furthermore, I certify that I will not serve as a member of the recognition committee for the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame when this nomination is considered.

Name of nominator (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please provide a resume, curriculum vitae or other documents that describe the nominees' involvement in the success of West Virginia agriculture, forestry and/ or family life. If such documents are not available, or they do not significantly explain the nature of the outstanding service, provide a narrative description of those contributions. The description should contain the following information regarding the nominees.

1) Service to the industry:

2) Industry related organization(s), organizational leadership roles and dates of involvement:

3) **Awards, honors or citations:**

#### 4) Community activities:

5) Other accomplishments that would qualify this nominee for enshrinement in the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame:

Please be as brief as possible in your descriptions. **Applications should not exceed 10 typewritten, double-spaced pages (10-point type or larger).** Number of pages is not a criterion for consideration.

Please be prepared to provide a **high-quality photo** of the nominee. (We recognize that this nomination maybe a secretive effort, if selected a photo will be needed by May 1)

In addition, you may attach up to three letters of support if they provide significant information that is not included elsewhere in the supporting documentation.

Applications that contain more than ten pages, more than three letters of support or are otherwise deemed unacceptable will be returned to the nominator for revision if time permits before the deadline.

Otherwise, they will not be considered.

The nominee must have lived in West Virginia (or the territory that predated statehood), and must have demonstrated leadership in regional, state, national and/or international matters pertaining to the success of agriculture, forestry and/or family life to be eligible for enshrinement in the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame.

The Recognition Committee considers only the information provided in this application and its supporting documentation.

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**Mail nominations to:**

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