

# The Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame

*Recognizing and honoring Kentuckians who have made significant contributions to the fields of Aviation and Aerospace*

## THE KENTUCKY AVIATION HALL OF FAME

From Matthew Sellers' 1908 Carter County flight to Story Musgrave's 1993 shuttle flight, to achievements being made today, Kentuckians have made essential contributions to aviation exploration and innovation.

Chartered in 1994 by the Legislature as the Commonwealth's official Aviation Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame was established to recognize and enshrine those Kentuckians (and those with close ties to Kentucky) who have made significant contributions to the fields of aviation and aerospace.



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

No person shall be eligible for nomination into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame for achievements attained less than five years prior to their nomination.

Only members of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky / The Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame may make nominations. If we do not have you listed as an active member, please consider joining. Membership applications are available at the Museum or see our website at <http://www.aviationky.org>.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Please complete the enclosed form and submit supporting documentation. Return nomination packages to Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. We will file the information, but **we strongly urge you to retain a copy of the submitted materials.**

The KAHF Ballot Committee will determine which nominees will be placed on the Hall of Fame ballot. The nomination, review and election cycle begins a year in advance of enshrinement, so it can take up to 18 months, or more for a candidate to be considered.

In the spring of each year, ballots are sent to the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame Board of Nominations. In late spring, the Hall of Fame Committee announces that year's Enshrinees. Nominees who are not elected remain on the ballot for future consideration. Nominees who do not attract a minimum number of votes in five consecutive cycles will may be removed from the ballot. With expanded information, they may be renominated.

Occasionally an individual elected by the Board of Nominations asks to postpone enshrinement. In that case, the honoree may be carried forward to the next year's enshrinement. Decisions of the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame Committee are final.

After Enshrinees have been determined, preparations begin for the enshrinement dinner. The black-tie gala is held in early November; invitations are sent six to eight weeks in advance of the event.

Beside the submission form, please submit detailed one-page biography of the nominee. Nomination biographies longer than one page in length will not be accepted. Please use an 11 pt. font size at the minimum (larger if possible) and allow for a one-inch margin on the left side, top and bottom of the paper. This biography should include a summary of nominee's achievements, including awards, decorations, honors, etc.

**Please keep a copy of the completed nomination package for your records!**

**By E-mail to:** [jrm@aviationky.org](mailto:jrm@aviationky.org)

**By US mail or in person**

The Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame

Board of Nominations

4029 Airport Rd Lexington, Kentucky 40515

If you have any questions, please contact:

Jim McCormick – (859) 317-2815

or Jerry Landreth – (859) 312-9048



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# Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Must be submitted by December 31 to be considered for the ballot for the following cycle.

## NOMINEE DATA

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

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

If not a native Kentuckian, what Kentucky connection? \_\_\_\_\_

### If Nominee is Alive

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### If Nominee is Deceased

Family Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINEE'S FIELD OF ACHIEVEMENT (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- Pilot       Inventor       Scientist       Research       Management       Engineering       Commercial  
 Military       Civilian       Government       Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Include your one-page typed biography, which should be 800 to 1000 words at most. Do not include any other documents/photos for this submission.*

## NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

I have permission from this candidate or their family to make this submission on behalf of the above-referenced individual.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (if any) to the nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Submission date \_\_\_\_\_ *KAHF use – Receipt date* \_\_\_\_\_

## HELPFUL HINTS

Enshrinement into the KAHF is a highly prestigious accomplishment. Many distinguished air and space pioneers are currently on our nomination ballot. To make your nominee more competitive, please make your nomination as thorough, comprehensive, and documented as possible.

### Possible areas to consider when developing your nomination narrative, but not limited to:

- Detailed summary of the nominee's achievements
- National and international awards, decorations, honors, etc.
- When and where did the nominee make significant personal contributions?
- How are the nominee's contributions being used today?
- What distinguishes the nominee from others in the same field?
- Reference to other facts pertinent to your nominee's package, i.e., biography books, magazines and articles.

Generally, the more complete, documented, and thorough the nomination, the greater the chance of being approved by the committee and selected. The KAHF must receive the candidate nomination package **on or before January 1st** of each year. Any nomination package received after the deadline will be considered the following year.