

Darlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame (Established 2011)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Darlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, a program under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Department and Administration of Darlington High School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Hall of Fame is organized as a way of maintaining the rich heritage and tradition of successful athletic programs at Darlington High School. It will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving, and honoring the athletes, coaches, and individuals who made significant contributions to the athletic programs. The Darlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of these individuals who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNANCE

The Hall of Fame shall be governed by the Darlington High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee, which is made up of five members and shall include the Darlington High School Athletic Director, Darlington High School Assistant Athletic Director, the Darlington High School Principal (or designee), and two current members of the Hall Of Fame (this will rotate every year). A majority vote will be needed for all decisions. The Selection Committee reserves the right to nominate candidates for consideration in any category. The Selection Committee reserves the right to remove a Hall of Fame member for doing an indistinguishable act making the member unworthy of continuing to be an example for others to emulate.

ARTICLE IV: CRITERIA

Individuals may be nominated representing three categories. The groupings are for screening purposes to assist those making the nominations in understanding the type of information required. The committee will be given latitude to use other selection criteria when it is appropriate.

1. **ATHLETE:** Any graduate or student-athlete of Darlington High School who distinguished himself/herself in the field of athletics will become eligible five years after graduating from High School.
2. **COACH:** Any coach who distinguished himself/herself by making significant contributions to the athletic program at Darlington High School can be nominated three years after his/her last coaching position at Darlington High School. Darlington High School graduates who have had significant success as a coach outside of Darlington High School can also be considered. There are no time eligibility restrictions.
3. **CONTRIBUTOR:** An individual who has made significant and outstanding contributions to the athletic programs at Darlington High School, other than coaching and playing, can be nominated with no eligibility restrictions.

ARTICLE V: SIZE OF INDUCTION CLASS

One new member inducted per year.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted from any interested person, including the selection committee, faculty, staff, administration, booster club members, alumni, and the general public. All nominations must be submitted on the official Hall of Fame Nomination Form. This form is available electronically on the Darlington High School website homepage and can also be picked up in the Athletic Director's office. The burden of research for a nominee's accomplishments shall be the responsibility of the person submitting the nomination.

Each application can be submitted along with the following information:

1. Other letters of support from appropriate individuals who can validate or substantiate pertinent information related to the accomplishments of the nominee, and
2. A limited number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, copies of scorebooks, and statistics to help substantiate the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee, and
3. A suitable photograph for reproduction is to be submitted (if available).

Once nominated, a nominee's information will remain on file indefinitely, and will be considered on a yearly basis for a period of three years. Nominations are due to the Darlington High School Athletic Director by November 1 of each year in order to be considered for induction into the Darlington High School Hall of Fame during a given school year.

ARTICLE VII: PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING INDUCTION CLASS

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will meet annually (after November 1 of each year) to select a candidate based on the criteria presented in this document. Nominees must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to gain induction.

The duties and responsibilities of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall be as follows:

1. Attend the regular scheduled selection meetings, and
2. Annually evaluate the nomination of individuals submitted which fulfill the requirements for consideration, and
3. Evaluate and update the policies and operational procedures of the Darlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and
4. Validate and approve all worthy candidates for induction into the Darlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and
5. Keep all actions of the Selection Committee confidential

ARTICLE VIII: INDUCTION CEREMONY

An induction ceremony will be held each year as needed. A Darlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame Wall will be created in the Darlington High School Gym lobby, and the name of the new Inductee will be added each year. Each Inductee will be presented a plaque honoring the occasion. Presentations for a deceased Inductee will be presented to a family representative determined by the family.

**DARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION FORM
(ESTABLISHED 2011)**

Name of nominee: _____

If deceased, please enter information on next of kin.

Name: _____

Present address: _____

Phone numbers: H: (____) _____ C: (____) _____

Home email: _____

NOMINATION CATEGORIES: Please circle the category in which the nominee's contributions were made.

ATHLETIC COACH ATHLETIC CONTRIBUTOR

List affiliation(s) with Darlington High School programs (*example: football 1951-54, Coach from 1964-80*):

I feel that the above person deserves membership in the Darlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame because: (In 250 words or less. Use additional paper if needed)

List awards/honors/career highlights:

Other information/consideration:

Resources used to validate information:

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Home email: _____

NOTE: YOUR NOMINATION MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL. SELECT NOMINEES WILL BE CONTACTED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION.