



## GATEWAY DISTRICT HALL OF FAME

The GATEway District will establish a GATEway District Hall of Fame award to recognize good and effective leadership and to those GATEway Optimists that have served the GATEway District with honor and distinction.

All past and current Optimists of the GATEway District can qualify and meet the established requirements.

### a. QUALIFICATIONS

- i. Serve ten (10) years as an Optimist as a member of an Optimist Club and be in good standing of an Optimist Club in the GATEway, the Georgia District, or Tennessee District, and is currently, and has been during the nominee's term of membership, in good standing.
- ii. Shall have held the office of Governor, or
  1. Shall have held the office of Lieutenant Governor and shall have attained the status of Distinguished President or Distinguished Lieutenant Governor.
  2. Shall have served on one (1) or more GATEway District Committees as its chair.
  3. Shall have served as a member, other than chairperson, on two (2) or more GATEway District committees.
  4. Shall have demonstrated personal demeanor that is in keeping with the philosophy of Optimist International and the GATEway District.

### b. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- i. All nominations must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee of the GATEway District and on the official GATEway District Hall of Fame form.
- ii. An Optimist may nominate himself/herself, be nominated by other Optimists, be nominated by a Club President, or be nominated by the selection committee.

### c. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- i. The committee shall be comprised of the immediate past living recipient of the Hall of Fame of the GATEway District, who will serve as chairperson, and all past recipients of the GATEway District Hall of Fame Award. Each committee member must be in good standing with his/her Club and considered an active and participating member. The Immediate Past Governor shall not be a voting member of the committee unless they are a past recipient of the GATEway District Hall of Fame Award.
- ii. The committee shall communicate with the District membership through the Club Presidents during the first quarter of the administrative year the following information:
  1. Request for nominees.
  2. Where copies of the approved nominating forms may be obtained.
  3. Last date nominations may be accepted.
  4. The address where the nominations are to be forwarded.
- iii. The decision of the GATEway District Hall of fame Committee shall be considered final.
- iv. Unless otherwise directed by the nominator, the nomination form of all nominees will be forwarded to the respective nominees.
- v. The GATEway District Hall of Fame Committee members shall not be required to discuss their deliberations outside their ranks.

### d. SELECTION PROCEDURES

- i. The Chair shall compile a list of nominees for consideration. If no nominations are received, then there shall be no inductee for that year.
- ii. Each member of the Hall of Fame shall have one (1) vote for one (1) nominee.
- iii. Each ballot shall be submitted to the Chair by a designated date.
- iv. The Chair shall determine and inform the Hall of Fame members of the results of the voting.
- v. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes, and a majority of those voting, shall be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- vi. If no nominee receives a majority vote of those voting, a runoff of the top two vote getters will occur. The person in the runoff with the most votes will be the inductee. In case of a tie, there will be two inductees that year.
- vii. The decision of the GATEway District Hall of Fame members shall be final.
- viii. The Hall of Fame Members shall not be required to discuss their deliberations and voting outside their ranks.

\*\* from the GATEway District Policies dated January 21, 2023