



## **HALL OF DISTINCTION BY-LAWS**

### **I. ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE**

- A. The organization shall be known as the Avonworth School District Hall of Distinction.
- B. The purpose of the organization is to identify and honor those who have made outstanding achievements in his/her career or the service of the Avonworth School Community and, through their accomplishments, have brought distinction, honor, and excellence to the Avonworth School District Community. Individuals eligible for the Hall of Distinction must be alumni, staff, or school board members. Current or former community members who have made outstanding contributions to the Avonworth School District Community are eligible for the Hall of Distinction for Special Recognition.

### **II. SELECTION/PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- A. The Avonworth School District Hall of Distinction shall consist of a committee of seven people at a minimum.
- B. The committee must include representation of the following from the Avonworth School District. A committee member may represent more than one of the following categories.
  - 1. Superintendent
  - 2. Superintendent Secretary
  - 3. Elementary campus Teacher or Staff member
  - 4. Secondary campus Teacher or Staff Member
  - 5. Two Avonworth Alumni representatives
  - 6. School Board member
  - 7. Two community representatives
- C. The superintendent's secretary will handle all Hall of Distinction's business finances.
- D. The superintendent will seek student input concerning nominees to provide to the committee. Students will not vote on the nominees.

### **III. ELIGIBILITY/NOMINATION CRITERIA**

- A. The Hall of Distinction consists of distinguished alumni of Avonworth High School, Ben Avon High School, the Emsworth School, or the Ohio Township One-Room Schools, community members who have lived in the community for an extended time, staff of such schools, and school board members.
- B. Graduates cannot be considered until ten years after graduating from high school.
- C. Staff must have completed their employment with the Avonworth School District after five years of separation from the District to be eligible for nomination.

- D. School Board nominees must have five years of separation from their departure from the Avonworth Board of School Directors to be eligible for nomination.
- E. Posthumous nominations will be accepted.
- F. Nominations are accepted from Avonworth School District residents, former residents, alumni, students, employees, and family members of those mentioned above. The number of nominations from any individual is limited to two.
- G. Nominations will be accepted by completing an Avonworth School District Hall of Distinction nomination form. This form will be available via the District newsletter, annual report, website, and District events.
- H. Nomination applications will be received annually until November 1.
- I. Nominees will be sent a personal information form that must be completed and returned to the Avonworth School District Hall of Distinction Selection Committee by December 31.
- J. The Nominating Committee will finalize the selection process by February 1 of each year.

#### **IV. SELECTION**

- A. The Selection Committee will select nominees for vote. Selection Committee members will be provided with the nominees' personal information forms. Section Committee members will vote numerically in the order of preference for nominees.
- B. Once an individual has been nominated, his/her file will remain active for five years, and he/she will continue to be considered for induction.
- C. The number of inductees each year will not exceed four individuals.

#### **V. CULMINATING EVENT**

- A. The Avonworth Hall of Distinction shall conduct an induction ceremony for those elected. A dinner will also be held each spring to recognize the inductees.
- B. Those inducted into the Hall of Distinction will have their biography and achievements displayed on the district website and other appropriate locations throughout the school district.
- C. It is preferred that the inductee attend the induction ceremony; however, in the event the inductee cannot attend, a family member or the person who made the nomination may attend to accept on behalf of the inductee.

#### **VI. RESCINDING HALL OF DISTINCTION MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Individuals who perpetrate crimes or offenses contrary to the community's ethics and morals may be removed from the Hall of Distinction.

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