

MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST

INCLUSION/RECOGNITION POLICY

The Museum of the Gulf Coast chronicles the unique history of the Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast environment. The Museum places special emphasis on the culture of this region and the achievements of those individuals who have made this area their home. Specific Hall of Fame Exhibit areas highlight the special accomplishments and contributions that Gulf Coast residents have made in the fields of Music, Sports, and Notable People. The Legacy People Exhibit is another area that focuses on "People" who excelled in other endeavors and will be recognized on the "Legacy People" Kiosk at the museum.

The Legacy People Exhibit includes people from a broad range of areas who may have accomplished remarkable things but may not meet the criteria for the Music, Sports, and Notable People Halls of Fame. To be included in one of these exhibit areas, an individual or group must meet published criteria adopted by the Board of Directors.

Any individual or group is welcome to nominate individuals/groups for inclusion in the Museum of the Gulf Coast. Nominations must be addressed to the Museum Director and must include appropriate documentation demonstrating that the nominee meets the published criteria for recognition. The Director will review all nominations and recommend to the Board those nominations that appear to meet the criteria. The Board of Directors will, in turn, review the documentation and make the final determination.

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ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA: SPORTS EXHIBIT

To be included in the Sports Hall of Fame, an individual or team must possess direct ties to the Gulf Coast region and meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Have demonstrated an exceptional level of athletic achievement by participating (as a player or head coach) in a sport at the professional (i.e., "major league" or equivalent) level and earning peer and public recognition for outstanding performance;
2. Have demonstrated an exceptional level of athletic achievement by competing in a sport (as a participant or coach) on an amateur basis and earning national or international recognition, as evidenced by the winning of national or international championships, medals, titles, or other similar forms of significant recognition.
3. Have displayed outstanding athletic performance as a team (amateur or professional) that resulted in the winning of championship(s) at the state or higher level;
4. Have accomplished through a lifetime a truly exceptional body of athletic achievement (as a player, participant, or coach) worthy of peer and public recognition.

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ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA: NOTABLE PEOPLE EXHIBIT

To be included in the “Notable People” Hall of Fame exhibit, an individual must possess direct ties to the Gulf Coast region and meet the following criteria:

1. Have accomplished a significant work or body of work that earned state-wide, regional (multi-state), national, or international recognition and acclaim from their peers and the general public and have reached the pinnacle of their area of recognition;
2. Demonstrate direct ties to the Gulf Coast region which show that the individual's work was influenced by the Gulf Coast environment and/or that the individual's accomplishment(s) had a significant impact on the Gulf Coast environment;
3. To avoid duplication, the accomplishments being recognized must be unrelated to any field/discipline highlighted in another Museum exhibit area.

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ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA: MUSIC EXHIBIT

To be included in the Music Hall of Fame, an individual must possess direct ties to the Gulf Coast region and meet the following criteria:

1. Have enjoyed national success as a musical artist (vocalist, instrumentalist, lyrics, composer, and/or arranger) as evidenced by one or more works attaining a national recognized standard of success such as the "Top 100" listing in Billboard or Cashbox magazines;
2. Participated in a musical group that achieved national success as defined in #1 above;
3. Exemplified the unique musical heritage of the Gulf Coast region through a lifetime of musical accomplishment which reflected and influenced the distinctive musical style of this region.
4. To avoid duplication, the accomplishments being recognized must be unrelated to any field/discipline highlighted in another Museum exhibit area.

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ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA: LEGACY EXHIBIT KIOSK RECOGNITION

To be included in the "Legacy People" Kiosk Exhibit, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Have accomplished significant accomplishment(s) that earned state-wide, regional (multi-state), national, or international recognition and acclaim from their peers and/or the general public and have reached a significant accomplishment in their area of recognition;
2. Demonstrate direct ties to the Gulf Coast region which show that the individual's work was influenced by the Gulf Coast environment and/or that the individual's accomplishment(s) had a significant impact on the Gulf Coast environment;
3. To avoid duplication, the recognized accomplishments must be unrelated to any field/discipline highlighted in another Museum exhibit area.