

## 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 exhibit areas highlight the special accomplishments and contributions that Gulf Coast residents have made in the fields of music and sports. Another area focuses on the “Notable People” who excelled in other endeavors.

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. Again, while utilizing the criteria below, produce a document with ALL of the qualifying information and documentation, in detail, to reflect why the person/group you are recommending should be considered for induction into the respective Hall of Fame. Include contact information (for yourself and the person that is being recommended to aid the process (phone #'s, physical address, email address.) If the person is no longer living, provide the same contact information for their next of kin.

After completing the recommendation packet, submit it in person or via mail to the Director of the Museum of the Gulf Coast, 700 Procter St., Port Arthur, TX 77640, or email it to [mogc.director@gmail.com](mailto:mogc.director@gmail.com).

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. To be included in one of these exhibit areas, an individual or group must meet published criteria adopted by the Board of Directors.

**Applicable to all three Halls of Fame, (1) a person or group must have roots in Southeast Texas or Southwest Louisiana. (2) Their work needs to attract national attention. (3) There must be a body of work to go with it, and (4) there must be general public recognition of that work.**

### MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA SPORS EXHIBIT

To be included in the Sports Exhibit, 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.
5. To avoid duplication, the accomplishments being recognized must not have been previously recognized in another Museum exhibit area.

#### MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA NOTABLE PEOPLE

To be included in the “Notable People” 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;
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 not have been previously recognized in another Museum exhibit area.

#### MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA MUSIC EXHIBIT:

To be included in the Music Exhibit, 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, lyricist, composer, and/or arranger) as evidenced by one or more works attaining a nationally 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 not have been previously recognized in another Museum exhibit area.