



## **2026 Call for Nominations**

### **Nomination Due Date: April 15, 2026**

#### **Overview**

The [International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame](#) is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to honor individuals who have made distinguished contributions to the field of adult and continuing education. The Call for Nominations is sent to the Hall of Fame membership and other identified professional organizations. All submitted nomination packets are forwarded to the Nomination Committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee is responsible for screening and scoring of nominees and for proposing a slate of qualified inductees to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors then reviews, discusses, and, as appropriate, approves the Nomination Committee's recommendations for induction. The recommended nominees who are elected by the Board of Directors are then processed for induction.

If any recommended nominee is unable to participate in an induction, they may be inducted at one of the following two induction ceremonies. Also, the nominator should be present at the induction to introduce the inductee or should arrange for another Hall member familiar with the inductee to make the introduction.

Current plans are that the 2026 Hall of Fame induction ceremony and related events will be held in conjunction with the annual conference of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, on October 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. All 2026 inductees must be present; there will be no virtual induction option for 2026. A final date for the induction ceremony will be posted to the Hall of Fame website as soon as it is finalized with AAACE.

The Board of Directors of IACEHOF encourages the nomination of those you strongly believe should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. This is a core function that acknowledges the contributions of the inductee and the recognition of the Hall. The Hall's Board trusts the following information and instructions provide sufficient guidance to complete the nomination process. Recommendations for improving both the process and the Form are encouraged.

#### **Eligibility for Membership**

To be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame, a person must be eminently distinguished in the profession, shall have brought honor or distinction, and shall have contributed to the heritage of adult and continuing education. Posthumous nominations are considered and are subject to the same selection criteria as living nominees.

## **Eligibility of Nominators**

Any individual may nominate a candidate for membership in the Hall of Fame. If the nominator is not a member of the Hall, then the seconder must be a Hall member. Hall of Fame members and nonmembers may nominate and/or second a maximum of two individuals per year.

Non-member nominators are encouraged to seek advice from current Hall of Fame members in preparing a nomination. All nominations from non-members must be seconded by a current member of the Hall in the form of a letter—maximum of one page—that adds the seconder's personal perspective on the nominee's impact on the field of adult and continuing education. When a nominee is co-nominated by two members of the Hall of Fame, no second by another member of the Hall of Fame is necessary. **Self-nominations will not be considered.**

Nominators must know the person they are supporting or be familiar with the nominee's record of accomplishments or impact on the field. With the exception of posthumous nominations, the nominators should have personal knowledge of the nominee and be able to provide a personal understanding of the context of the nominee's impact on the field of adult and continuing education.

Should a nominee not be selected for induction, the nominator is encouraged to revise and resubmit the nomination package for reconsideration in the next call for nominations. Nominations may be considered one additional time. Should the individual still fail to gain admission, any future nomination for that individual must be submitted by another nominator.

## **Guidelines for Writing the Nomination**

The Nomination Form follows. It is to be completed and submitted by the nominator along with supporting materials. It is recommended that the nominator collaborate with the nominee and seconder on the completion of the Form to ensure a thorough, accurate and consistent nomination is submitted. This applies also to posthumous nominations, with the nominator and seconder submitting a consistent Form and supporting letter.

Following is information nominators should refer to as they are completing the Form:

### **A. Contact Information**

Provide the requested information for the Nominee, Nominator, and Secunder

### **B. Primary Contribution of the Nominee**

Check the area(s) that identify the nominee's primary contribution(s): Scholar, Practitioner, and/or Policy Maker

### **C. Provide a narrative that addresses each of the evaluation factors**

Following are the five factors, with comments providing further explanations and guidance for writing the content. It must be emphasized that these guidelines be followed. Please note especially that a maximum of 250 words is permitted in responses to each of the five factors. Nominations that exceed 250 words per

factor will not be considered. If a nomination is not considered due to violating the word limit, the nominator will be informed and encouraged to resubmit the nomination the following year, observing the word limit. The Nomination Form will be read by the members of the Nomination Committee, who must carefully read the responses to the five factors for each nominee, usually in a short period of time. Thus, it is important not to exceed the word limits in these guidelines. *Please carefully proofread your submission.*

**1. Contributions to the field of adult and continuing education, with the focus on the nominee's impact on the field. 30 points (30%)**

**Comment:** State all the contributions in adult and continuing education, and the nominee's impact on the field. As this is the first factor, refer to the broad or general impact(s), rather than the specific impact for each contribution. This is further addressed in Factor 3. This first factor receives 30 points in the assessment process, the most of the five factors (30%).

**2. The most notable achievements in adult and continuing education as a scholar, a practitioner and/or a policy maker across the span of the nominee's career. 25 points (25%)**

**Comment:** The focus of this factor is three areas of achievement: as a scholar, a practitioner, and/or a policy maker. You identified/checked the specific area(s) at the beginning of the form. Here is where the selected area(s) are described. This is further addressed in Factor 4.

**3. The single greatest contribution to the field, focusing on its national and/or international significance. Nominators should provide national or historical context as appropriate to assist in the evaluation of the nominee. 20 points (20%)**

**Comment:** Of the contributions identified in Factor 1, describe the single greatest contribution, with the focus on its national and/or international significance. The contribution must also be placed within a national, international and/or historical context.

**NOTE:** These first three factors comprise 75% of the total points.

**4. What the nominee has done to enhance the visibility and stature of adult and continuing education as a field of scholarship, practice and/or policy making. 15 points (15%)**

**Comment:** This factor complements Factor 2, where the area(s) – scholarship, practice and/or policy making – were described. Here, these area(s) are described within the context of enhancing the visibility and stature of adult and continuing education.

**5. The contributions, if any, in other fields of endeavor beyond adult and continuing education. 10 points (10%). Total for all five factors = 100%**

**Comment:** This is the one factor not within the areas of adult and continuing education. It addresses the nominee's contributions in other areas (e.g.,

governmental, organizational, philosophical, artistic, spiritual, and so forth). Here is where the wholistic aspects of the nominee's life can be presented.

### **Regarding the 250-word Maximum**

As stated in the Nomination Form, the maximum number of words for each factor is 250. This requirement must be observed for two reasons. First, as stated above, the selection committee must carefully read what are often dozens of nominations in a short period of weeks. This is a formidable task. Statements that exceed this limit will adversely impact the reviewer's evaluation of the nomination.

Second, while the weighting of each factor ranges from 30 points for Factor 1 to 10 points for Factor 5, the maximum number of words for each factor is 250. This limit prevents excessive verbiage in the higher weighted factors and requires the nominator to submit a balanced nomination across all five factors.

A final note. Some nominations have been submitted with factors having a minimal amount of explanation and support. This also adversely impacts the evaluation and final score. You are encouraged to prepare statements that fully address each factor.

### **D. Supporting Documentation**

Supporting documents (e.g., resume or curriculum vita, supporting letters from nominator and seconder) are to be listed at the end of the Nomination Form. Nomination Forms should be submitted electronically (i.e., via email). It is preferred that supporting documents be inserted/appended (cut and paste) at the end of the Form as one consolidated file. However, supporting documents can also be attached as separate files. Either way, the documents and their location must be listed under "Supporting Documentation."

**Submit nominations attached to an email addressed to:**

**Email:** Shannon Johansen, [ShannonJohansen@ou.edu](mailto:ShannonJohansen@ou.edu)

**For Questions Contact:** Shannon Johansen, Tel: +1 405-325-6362



**International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame  
2026 Nomination Form**

**A. Contact Information**

Nominee:

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Home country/nationality:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Country/countries of greatest impact:* \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator:

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail:* \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder:

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail:* \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Primary Contribution(s) of the Nominee:**

Scholar

Practitioner

Policy Maker



4. What has the nominee done to enhance the visibility and stature of adult and continuing education as a field of scholarship, practice and/or policy making? (250-word maximum; 15 points)

5. What have been the nominee's contributions, if any, in other fields of endeavor beyond adult and continuing education? (250-word maximum; 10 points)

**D. Supporting Documentation.** List all supporting documents (e.g., resume or curriculum vita, letters from the nominator and seconder) here.

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