

**South Williamsport High School**  
**Bylaws of South Williamsport Hall of Fame**

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the *South Williamsport Hall of Fame*.

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to recognize and celebrate those alumni who have achieved excellence in their professional and personal lives, who have made outstanding contributions to society, and who have served as role models for youth. By recognizing the achievements of past graduates, it is the expectation that present students will be encouraged to excel scholastically and be motivated to participate in community service.

Additionally, this program will increase awareness and appreciation throughout the district for the value of academic preparation experienced within the local schools and become a source for school and community pride.

**ARTICLE III: POWERS**

**Section 1.** The organization operates under the direction of the Mountie Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

**Section 2.** The Mountie Hall of Fame Selection Committee will consist of seven members: two SWASD Foundation members, two Senior High National Honor Society student members, the Senior High National Honor Society adviser, a faculty member, and the high school principal.

**Section 3.** The Selection Committee will meet three times per year: December to review nominations; January to elect candidates; April to organize a public awareness campaign.

**Section 4.** Nondiscrimination. This organization maintains a policy of nondiscrimination, which applies to all practices such as membership on the Selection Committee as well as the nomination and induction of candidates.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Election to this organization is an honor bestowed on deserving alumni who have submitted the required documentation for nomination and who have, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, met the criteria for induction.

**Section 2.** Eligibility:

- a. Graduated, minimally, 10 years prior to nomination
- b. Excelled in career and /or achieved local, state, national, or international recognition
- c. Embodies the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character
- d. Demonstrates that goals are achieved through persistence, dedication, and knowledge
- e. Maintains high moral standards and serves as a role model for youth
- f. Brought recognition to South Williamsport Area School District through accomplishments
- g. Deceased eligible candidates may be nominated

## **ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

**Section 1.** Procedure for nomination. Nominator submits a candidate's résumé and reference letter to the Selection Committee no later than 11/30.

**Section 2.** Résumé includes:

- a. Short biography of nominee
- b. List of achievements
- c. Two references other than that submitted by nominator

**Section 3.** Voting procedure for selection of candidates:

- a. Discussion and consideration of nominees
- b. Paper vote by Selection Committee members
- c. Vote tallied by designated Selection Committee member
- d. Two-thirds affirmative vote of entire Committee required for acceptance
- e. One to two nominees are considered for induction per year

**Section 4.** Post-voting procedure.

- a. Selection Committee informs nominees of vote outcome by letter
- b. Résumés of unselected nominees are held three years for re-evaluation and may be updated at any time

**Section 5.** Dismissal. Any member of the Mountie Hall of Fame who violates the standards by which he/she was selected may be dismissed from the organization. The member will receive written notification from the Selection Committee indicating the reason for dismissal. Two-thirds affirmative vote of entire Committee required for dismissal.

**ARTICLE VI: INDUCTION OF CANDIDATES**

**Section 1.** Ceremony.

- a. Media announcement made prior to ceremony
- b. Ceremony occurs in May during the Senior Awards Night
- c. Ceremony takes place at the South Williamsport High School

**Section 2.** Inductee Recognition.

- a. Plaque highlighting major life achievements is given to inductee
- b. Photo plaque is placed in school building area designated as *South Williamsport Hall of Fame*
- c. Inductee is introduced at ceremony by a member of the Senior High National Honor Society

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

South Williamsport Area School District Superintendent

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South Williamsport Jr./Sr. High School Principal

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National Honor Society Adviser