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IL Dept on Aging seeks nominations for *Senior Hall of Fame*

Nomination deadline is August 25; Winners announced later this year

SPRINGFIELD – July 7, 2015. The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is seeking nominations for the 2015 Illinois *Senior Hall of Fame* awards. The annual award, established in 1994 by the General Assembly, recognizes residents of the state, ages 65 and older who excel in the categories of Community Service, Education, Performance and/or Graphic Arts, and Labor Force. Since its start, 95 people have been inducted into the *Senior Hall of Fame*.

Nomination forms are available at local Area Agencies on Aging, on the department website at <https://www.illinois.gov/aging/HallofFame/Pages/default.aspx>, or by calling the Department's Senior HelpLine at 800-252-8966. Nomination forms can be faxed to 217-785-4477 or mailed to:

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Nominations must be postmarked or faxed by Tuesday, August 25, in order to be considered.

Eligibility is based on the nominee's past or current accomplishments in the category of choice, which excel in one of four categories: Community Service, Education, Performance and/or Graphic Arts, and Labor Force. The candidate must be age 65 or older and a current Illinois resident or a former citizen who lived in the state most of his or her life. Posthumous nominees are also considered.

IDoA will compile a list of nominees then consult with members of the Illinois Council on Aging to determine the award winner from each category.

This year's winners will be inducted in the *Senior Illinois Hall of Fame* during a ceremony in the Fall.

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