

# Smith-Cotton High School Hall of Fame

## **PURPOSE:**

The Smith-Cotton High School Hall of Fame (HOF) is established to recognize the tradition of Smith-Cotton High School and to pay tribute to the outstanding scholars, athletes, performers, and teams that have walked our halls. It also serves as a means to recognize the teachers, coaches, sponsors, and contributors that have supported our students and programs over the years.

## **CANDIDACY:**

### **I. Students**

- A. Students must qualify by attaining at least **one** of the following criteria.
  - 1. The student must have been the class valedictorian.
  - 2. The student must have been the class salutatorian.
  - 3. The student must have attained a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.75. (4 point scale)
  - 4. The student must have attained a composite ACT score of 31 or higher or SAT score of 1380 or higher.
  - 5. Individuals attaining a high level of success after leaving Smith-Cotton in any academic, educational or intellectual pursuits.
- B. The participant must have exhibited good character, leadership, and citizenship while representing SCHS.
- C. The participant must have continued to be exemplary members of their community after graduating from SCHS.
- D. Participants are eligible for inclusion into the HOF five (5) years after graduating from SCHS.
- E. Upon initial nomination, participants will be eligible for three consecutive years. If not elected during that period, the candidate must be re-nominated.

### **II. Student-Athletes**

- A. Student-Athletes must have been an outstanding performer in at least one varsity sport while at Smith-Cotton High School (SCHS).
- B. The student-Athletes achievements must be of such outstanding nature that there is no question by the committee as to the candidate's consideration.
  - 1. Considerations for achievement may include:
    - a. All-State or All-American status
    - b. Individual records
    - c. Outstanding individual success
    - d. Outstanding athletic or personal success after leaving SCHS
- C. Student-Athletes must have exhibited good character, sportsmanship, leadership, and citizenship while representing SCHS.
- D. Student-Athletes must have continued to be exemplary members of their community after graduation.
- E. Student-Athletes are eligible for inclusion into the HOF five (5) years after graduation.

- F. Upon initial nomination, an athlete will be eligible for three consecutive years. If not elected during that period, the candidate must be re-nominated.

### **III. Performers/Participants**

- A. Participants must have been an outstanding performer in at least one extra-curricular or co-curricular program while at Smith-Cotton High School (SCHS).
- B. The participant's achievements must be of such outstanding nature that there is no question by the committee as to the candidate's consideration.
- C. The participant must have exhibited good character, sportsmanship, leadership, and citizenship while representing SCHS.
- D. The participant must have continued to be exemplary members of their community after graduating from SCHS.
- E. Participants are eligible for inclusion into the HOF five (5) years after graduating from SCHS.
- F. Upon initial nomination, participants will be eligible for three consecutive years. If not elected during that period, the candidate must be re-nominated.

### **IV. Teachers**

- A. A nominee must have been an outstanding teacher at SCHS for at least three (3) years.
- B. The teacher's achievements must be of such an outstanding nature that there is no question by the committee as to the candidate's consideration.
- C. Teachers must have exhibited good character, leadership, and citizenship while representing SCHS.
- D. Teachers must have continued to be exemplary members of their community after leaving SCHS.
- E. Teachers are eligible for inclusion into the HOF five (5) years after leaving SCHS.
- F. Upon initial nomination, a teacher will be eligible for three consecutive years. If not elected during that period, the candidate must be re-nominated.
- G. A teacher does not have to be a SCHS graduate to be nominated.
- H. A nomination/induction may be made posthumously.

### **V. Coaches/Sponsors**

- A. A nominee must have been an outstanding coach/sponsor at SCHS for at least three (3) years.
- B. The coach/sponsor's achievements must be of such an outstanding nature that there is no question by the committee as to the candidate's consideration.
  - 1. Considerations for achievement may include:
    - a. Win-Loss record
    - b. Longevity
    - c. Concern and advocacy for the welfare of students
    - d. Outstanding achievements after leaving SCHS
- C. Coaches/Sponsors must have exhibited good character, sportsmanship, leadership, and citizenship while representing SCHS.
- D. Coaches/Sponsors must have continued to be exemplary members of their community after leaving SCHS.

- E. Coaches/Sponsors are eligible for inclusion into the HOF five (5) years after leaving SCHS.
- F. Upon initial nomination, a coach/sponsor will be eligible for three consecutive years. If not elected during that period, the candidate must be re-nominated.
- G. A coach/sponsor does not have to be a SCHS graduate to be nominated.
- H. A nomination/induction may be made posthumously.

## **VI. Contributors**

- A. Nominees should have made significant contributions of time, expertise, and/or resources to SCHS academics, athletics, or activities, enhancing the experience of student participants through their support.
- B. Nominees shall have volunteered their time, expertise, or resources for a minimum of three (3) years. Nominees may be current activity contributors.
- C. Nominees must be/have been exemplary members of the community and demonstrate the qualities of good character and citizenship.
- D. A contributor does not have to be a SCHS graduate to be nominated.
- E. A nomination/induction may be made posthumously.

## **VII. Activity Teams**

- A. An entire team may be included only if it has finished the year as a Final Four team or a State Champion.

## **NOMINATIONS:**

Nominations may be made by HOF committee members, SCHS alumni, former sponsors, school district employees, school district retirees, booster club members, and local community members. Completed nominations should be submitted online or to a SCHS administrator by 5:00 pm on June 1 of each year. Nominations received after June 1 will be considered for the next class of inductees the following year.

## **HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

The HOF Selection Committee will be made up of three (3) permanent members and four (4) selected members each serving three year terms. The selected members shall be appointed by the three permanent members. The seven member committee will be comprised of the following:

1. The Sedalia School District Superintendent or delegate (permanent member).
2. The SCHS Principal (permanent member).
3. The SCHS Activities Director (permanent member)
4. One member of the SCHS athletic/activities staff (three year term).
5. At large member who may or may not be a school district employee (three year term).
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### **VOTING PROCEDURES:**

- The committee will meet at a time to be determined in June or July to review the nominees.
- The committee will select no more than five (5) inductees in a school year. No more than 3 per year in any subcategory (student-athlete, teacher, contributor, etc.).
- A nominee must receive at least a 4/7 vote in order to be inducted. If more than 5 nominees receive a 4/7 vote, nominees with the most votes will be inducted.
- All committee members must be present for an open vote.
- All approved inductees will be submitted to the Sedalia Board of Education for final approval.
- Any nominees not voted for induction into the HOF during their nomination year will remain in consideration for two more years. After that three year period, the candidate must be re-nominated for consideration.
- Changes to the nomination requirements, committee make-up, and voting procedures must have majority committee vote and be submitted to the Sedalia School District Board of Education for approval. If approved, any changes will not be put into effect until the following school year's selection process.

### **AWARDS:**

The induction ceremony into the SCHS Hall of Fame will take place annually at Smith-Cotton High School on a date determined by SCHS administration. Inductees will be given a crystal plaque recognizing their induction. A photo provided by the inductee or the inductees family will be hung in an appropriate location as decided by the HOF Selection Committee (Gym, Media Center, or PAC).

### **REMOVAL FROM THE HALL OF FAME:**

Name removal from the HOF due to legal impropriety or other public dishonor must have unanimous approval of the selection committee followed by at least a 5/7 majority by the Sedalia School District Board of Education.

### **REVIEW:**

The HOF program will be reviewed annually by the selection committee.