



NOMINATION FORM

Induction into the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is the industry's highest honor as a lifetime achievement award honoring the full body of their life's work. The process is intensive, conducted over a five-month period by a Selection Committee comprised of seven industry executives who study the careers of leaders across every segment of the industry. According to the Foundation's Bylaws, the Committee has full authority to select three to five individuals, following a careful assessment of a comprehensive body of an individual's innovations, achievements, leadership and philanthropy as documented throughout their careers. Each Committee member votes anonymously and independently online, using a points-base ballot. To maintain full integrity, the entire process remains fully confidential until the names of the inductees are announced publicly in late spring.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

1. Any member of the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation may nominate **one** qualified individual. A seconding nomination from another Foundation member is also required.
2. Nominations are made by completing this form in full and submitting it, along with a bio, a resume/business timeline and photograph of the nominee, to the Foundation. Other supporting documentation is welcomed. A points-based rating system will be used to determine and accept qualified nominees. **It is important that the nomination form is filled out completely and thoughtfully, as this information will be used in the scoring process.**
3. An independent selection committee will choose the most qualified candidates.
4. Candidates may be nominated and elected posthumously.
5. Members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors or the Selection Committee are not eligible to nominate or second an individual.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

A qualified candidate must:

- Do business in the United States
- Have served in the industry for at least 15 years
- Have created a legacy as a positive influence and champion of the industry
- Candidates should have achieved the pinnacle of their careers and directionally trend to be at least 60 years old
- May not have died in the 12 months prior to the date of the nomination.

They should also represent the following standards:

1. **Enduring Excellence** in their personal and business affairs, a person who is considered an inspiration, role model and mentor to others.
2. **Superior Accomplishments** as an enduring and visionary leader in their field, and their organization should exemplify the highest standards for their customers and their employees.
3. **Innovation and Creativity**, a person whose ideas have greatly influenced and impacted the industry and produced changes in design, retailing, merchandising, marketing, manufacturing, importing, supply chain or support services to the industry.
4. **Philanthropic Generosity** of their time, talents and resources to others, whether that may be the industry, professional associations, service enterprises, civic endeavors, charitable and religious organizations, or educational institutions.

ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Name _____

Past or Present Position or Title _____

Company Affiliation _____

Address _____

_____ Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Closest Living Relative _____ Relationship to Nominee _____

Relative's Address _____

_____ Phone Number _____

E-mail Addresses _____

Nominee's Background

Business Background _____

Civic Activity Background _____

Educational Background _____

About the Acceptance of the Award

If elected to the Hall of Fame, will the Nominee be present to accept their award? _____

If not, Name of Acceptor _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Acceptor's Address _____

_____ Phone Number _____

CRITERIA:

Please answer each question thoroughly, providing explanations and specific examples, as **scoring for your candidate will be based on your responses**. Attach additional pages as needed. Copies of all information will be placed in the nominee's file and retained in the Foundation archives.

1. **Excellence** in their personal and business affairs and considered an inspiration and role model to others.

- 1.1 Describe how he/she represents high personal character.

- 1.2 Explain how he/she is thought to be a role model as a person and/or business person.

- 1.3 Describe how he/she is considered a champion of the industry.

2. **Superior Accomplishments** as an enduring and visionary leader in their field. Their organizations should exemplify the highest standards for their customers and their employees.

2.1 Describe how he/she founded or substantially grew company.

2.2 Is his/her company/companies known as a leader in their field? Provide examples.

2.3 Describe how he/she led their company to distinguished operations.

2.4 Explain how the company is known for ongoing exemplary customer service.

3. **Innovation and Creativity**, a person whose ideas have greatly influenced and impacted the industry and produced changes in design, retailing, merchandising, marketing, manufacturing, importing, supply chain or support services to the industry.

3.1 Describe how he/she is considered an innovator.

3.2 Describe how he/she has used innovation to further the industry.

3.3 Describe how he/she inspired others to innovation.

4. **Philanthropic Generosity** of time, talents and resources to others, whether that may be the industry, professional associations, service enterprises, civic endeavors, charitable and religious organizations, or educational institutions.

4.1 Describe how he/she generously supported philanthropic causes. Please provide names of charities and organizations.

4.2 Describe how he/she is known for generously supporting the industry with their time and talents.

5. In conclusion, how did he/she change the home furnishings industry?

PLEASE LIST NEWSPAPERS, CONTACT NAMES AND ADDRESSES IN THE NOMINEE'S AREA. (Include e-mail addresses if possible)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



_____ Date _____
Nominee's Full Name

As a Member of The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation Inc., I _____, nominate the individual whose name appears above. I understand that a candidate should be an individual, whether living or deceased, whose achievements have singularly contributed to the growth and development of the American home furnishings industry. I sincerely believe the nominee, whose name appears above, fully meets this criteria for election to the permanent membership in the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame. I have completed this form and have provided as detailed a summary as I am able to provide, including dates, organization names and locations of the Nominee's significant contributions to the home furnishings industry.

Member's Name _____ **Title** _____

Email _____ **Phone Number** _____

Company Address _____

Phone Number _____

Member's Authorizing Signature _____

Seconding Member:

Name _____ **Title** _____

Email _____ **Phone Number** _____

Company Address _____

Phone Number _____

Second Member's Authorizing Signature _____

Please mail or email this form and a photo of the nominee to:

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High Point, NC 27260
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Deadline for Entries: February 1, 2025