



SPORTS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION *TEAM RECOGNITION AWARD APPLICATION*

Please read the entire form before you complete the information

Please Return by DECEMBER 31ST

LETTER TO NOMINATOR AND APPLICANT

**BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY SPORTS HALL of FAME FOUNDATION
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Dear Nominator and Applicant,

You should know, the Bowie State University Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) was created solely to recognize former Bowie State athletes and teams who played an authorized and sanctioned varsity sport while at Bowie State. Further, the Sports Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. (SHOFF) are a self-sustaining organization. Our funding is provided by our members, supporters and friends. We do not receive any funding from Bowie State University nor the Bowie State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (BSUNAA). The funding for our activities, banquets, or other events are all funded through ticket sales, program books, event advertisements, donations, contributions and membership dues. Therefore, it should be understood that your possible recognition by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame Foundation will require funding provided by you and your supporters. Noted below are the expected costs associated with your selection and/or recognition by the SHOF.

First, we would like to thank you for your interest in nominating a former Bowie State Team for the Sports Hall of Fame Foundation's Team Recognition Award. Let us state upfront that the process for both you and your nominee may be time consuming as you gather information to confirm his/her eligibility. Please read the criteria carefully before submitting this application. **SELF NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THIS CATEGORY.**

You may be asked or required to provide reference materials about the team nominee including, but not limited to, newspaper articles, citations, and awards. This selection process will require a personal interview with a team member(s) and others at a time and place designated by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame Foundation's Selection Committee.

Further, there is a financial component with this Team Recognition Award. So, before proceeding, please be aware and make the Team Members who would like to participate in the Induction aware of this financial commitment which will be required to be paid before June 1st or another officially designated date. We expect the cost to each participating Team Member to be \$350.00.

As part of the Team Recognition Award process, Team Members may be invited to become members of the Bowie State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (BSUNAA), if they are not already. This will require the payment of an Annual Membership Dues and this cost is solely determined by the BSUNAA. We encourage you to become a BSUNAA member as soon as possible. For information about joining the BSUNAA, contact Ms. Annette Wedderburn at mrswedderburn@gmail.com or 301-509-5431 (Cell).

The BSU Sports Hall of Fame provides for the submission of the nomination application package in two (2) forms, electronic-copy or hard-copy. Once completed in hard-copy form, you may mail your application package to:

**BSU Sports Hall of Fame Foundation
Attn: Application
P.O. Box 2343
Bowie, Maryland 20718**

If you chose to submit your completed application package electronically, you may submit your application package via email to: rickmitchell1212@yahoo.com or donsportshof@gmail.com In either case, your submission of the Team Award Application package must be accompanied with a non-refundable \$25.00 payment before the application process begins. Check or money order must be made payable to: **SHOFF or Sports Hall of Fame Foundation. Note in the Memo Area: HOF Admin. Mail to the address noted above.**

Electronic Payments can be made via: Zelle: Donsportshof@gmail.com or (3031) 275-0565 Cash App: \$bsuhoff, or Paypal: paypal.me/johnaword.

Finally, we look forward to receiving your completed SHOF Team Recognition Award Application. Again, thank you for your interest in nominating your favorite former Bowie State Team for this exceptional honor.

NOMINATING INSTRUCTIONS

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY SPORTS HALL of FAME FOUNDATION TEAM RECOGNITION AWARD NOMINATION APPLICATION PACKAGE

Nominations for the Bowie State University Sports Hall of Fame Foundation's (SHOFF) Team Recognition Award for a former varsity level Bowie State Team can be submitted by current or former BSU students, administrators, faculty, coaches, friends, or nominee's family members. **SELF NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THIS CATEGORY.**

All Nominations for the SHOFF Team Recognition Award must complete this official Team Recognition Award Application Form (also known as the Nomination Form) included below. If additional form pages are needed, please make copies of the page or pages and complete them with your submission. Please take the time to read the entire form before you begin to complete the information.

Complete the Team Recognition Award Application Form in its entirety. If there are items which don't apply, indicate N/A in the appropriate space. Consideration will only be given to nominees with a properly completed form. Also, complete the form by filling-in or typing in the necessary information.

Nominations are limited to one (1) sport per Nomination Application Form. A separate Nomination Application Form is necessary for each sport nomination. Currently, the Selection Committee does not consider dual sport nominations.

The submission of the nomination application package, via hard-copy or electronic-copy, must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$25.00 check or money order. The check or money order must be made payable to: **SHOFF or Sports Hall of Fame Foundation before the processing of the application begins. Note in the Memo area: HOF ADMIN.**

Mail Applications to: SHOFF. P.O. Box 2343. Bowie, Maryland 20718. Electronic payments via Zelle: Donsportshof@gmail.com or (3031) 275-0565 Cash App: \$bsuhoff, or Paypal: [paypal.me/johnaword](https://www.paypal.me/johnaword).

The Team's Application will be reviewed by the SHOFF Selection Committee, and the Selection Committee will make its recommendation, in part, based on the information provided on the Application. **Resumes, biographical information, news articles, and documented awards can be submitted with the Application as supporting documentation but will not be considered as an "Official" Athlete Recognition Award Application.** All Nominations Forms must have complete contact information for the person or persons making the Nomination. Failure to provide this information will result in the application being rejected.

The Team Recognition Award Applications Form must be received by the Bowie State University Sports Hall of Fame Foundation's Selection Committee or U.S. Postal marked by December 31st. The Application should be mailed to:

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Bowie, Maryland 20718**

The BSU Sports Hall of Fame Foundation reserves the right to reclassify all applications for nominations for the Sports Hall of Fame into its appropriate categories for consideration.

For more information on the nomination process, please contact President, Ricardo Mitchell at 301-775-8008 (Cell) rickmitchell1212@yahoo.com or Executive Director, Dr. John Word Sr., at 301-456-9900 (Cell) or word.john@yahoo.com or Secretary, Donald Ball, Jr., d1balljr@verizon.net at 301-275-0565 (Cell).

NOMINATION CRITERIA

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Criteria for TEAM Nomination

Occasionally, an entire sports team will be inducted into the Bowie State University Sports Hall of Fame. This induction shall include all members of the team, including the coaches, trainers, team managers, cheerleaders, and others associated with the team.

Team Nominations for recognition by the Bowie State University Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) can be submitted by former team members, coaches, athletic department staff, team member's family or current members of the BSU Sports Hall of Fame.

1. The team being inducted must have won a Championship (Conference, National or Regional) and/or entered into a Conference, National or Regional Championship Playoff and/or Series.
2. Prior to a Team's specific Conference participation, a Legacy team may be inducted into the BSU Sports Hall of Fame, if the team won seventy-five (75) percent of their games for that season.
3. There is a ten (10) year waiting period, after said team's participation, for that team to enter the BSU Sports Hall of Fame.

Unsuccessful team nominations will be placed on the ballot for a period of two (2) additional years, after their original nomination date. If they are not inducted into the BSU Sports Hall of Fame during this period, their team will be taken off the ballot. Once removed, a team nomination must wait a period of two (2) years before they can be re-nominated.

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Criteria for CHEERLEADER TEAMS

Bowie State's Cheerleader Teams are eligible to be recognized by the Bowie State University Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) for their dedication, athleticism, and spirit. The Cheerleader Team Nomination for a Team Recognition Award may be made by team members, the team's coaches, athletic department staff, team member's family or current members of the BSU Sports Hall of Fame.

CHEERLEADERS – LEGACY TEAMS

Prior to a Bowie State Cheerleader Team's association with a specific conference, a Legacy Cheerleader Team, who cheered before 1980 may be eligible to receive the Team Recognition Award, if the Cheerleader Team cheered in at least seventy-five (75) percent of games during the year or season.

1. The Cheerleader Team being inducted must have cheered for a winning Football or Basketball Team, who won at least seventy-five (75) percent of their games or entered into a Conference or Division Playoff Series or Conference Championship or National or Regional Championship Series.
2. There is a ten (10) year waiting period, after said team's participation, for that team to enter the BSU Sports Hall of Fame.

Unsuccessful individual nominee names will be removed from consideration once the selection has been made for the Induction year. Once removed, the Individual Nominee must wait a period of one (1) year before they can be re-nominated.

CHEERLEADERS – LEGEND TEAMS

1. Bowie State Cheerleader Team's association with a specific conference, a Legend Cheerleader Team, who cheered after 1981 may be eligible to receive the Team Recognition Award, if the Team cheered in at least seventy-five (75) percent of their games for that year or season.
2. The Cheerleader Team being recognized by the Sports Hall of Fame must have won or finished within the top 3 teams in a sanctioned Cheerleading Competitions (Conference, Local, Regional, or National) by a recognized and sanctioned body credited with making such selections.
3. The Cheerleader Team that cheered during a Championship season for a major Bowie State sanctioned varsity level Team Sport (Football or Basketball) may be automatically considered for recognition by the Sports Hall of Fame as part of that Championship Team and/or the Team which entered into a Conference, Regional, or National Championship playoff series.
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SECTION I NOMINATOR INFORMATION			
*Nominator's Full Name:			
*Nominator's Present Address:			
*City:	*State:	*Zip Code:	
*Primary Phone:	Business or Mobile Phone:	Relationship to Team:	
*Primary Personal Email:		Business Email:	

SECTION II SPORT SELECTION NOMINATION CATEGORY <i>Select from one of the categories noted below</i>					
Baseball:	Bowling:	Cheerleaders:	Cross Country Track	Football:	Men's Basketball:
Softball:	Tennis:	Track and Field:	Volleyball:	Women's Basketball:	Other: Golf Swimming Wrestling

Select the period in which the team played <i>Note the year in the appropriate box below</i>	
Legacy (1920 - 1980):	Legend (1981 - Present):
TEAM RECORD INFORMATION	
*Team Year or Season:	*Team Record:
*Team's Special Awards/Recognitions (Champions, Etc.):	

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SECTION III *REASON FOR TEAM NOMINATION <i>Please provide a detailed narrative for the Teams Nomination.</i>	
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SECTION IV TEAM COACHES AND TRAINERS	
*Head Coach:	*Assistant Coach/Coordinator:
Assistant Coach/Coordinator:	Assistant Coach/Coordinator:
Assistant Coach:	Assistant Coach:
Team Trainer:	Team Trainer:
Team Trainer or Manager:	Team Trainer or Manager:

SECTION V TEAM CAPTAINS <i>Please provide the names of your Team's Captains</i>	
*Captain:	Captain:
Captain:	Captain:

SECTION VI FEATURED PLAYERS <i>Names and Positions</i>	
*Featured Player's Name:	Featured Player's Position:
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*SECTION VII TEAM ROSTER INFORMATION <i>Provides the names of each former player on the Team. If additional space is required, please use the worksheet in SectionX</i>		

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*SECTION VIII			
TEAM REPRESENTATIVES CONTACT INFORMATION			
<i>Former Players and/or Coaches</i>			
*Team Representative's Full Name:			
*Team Representative's Present Address:			
*City:	*State:	*Zip Code:	
*Primary Phone:	Business Phone:	Other:	
*Personal Email:		Business Email:	
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE NO. 2			
Team Representative's Full Name:			
Team Representative's Present Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone:	Business Phone:	Other:	
Personal Email:		Business Email:	
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE NO. 3			
Team Representative's Full Name:			
Representative's Present Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone:	Business Phone:	Other:	

Personal Email:	Business Email:
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SECTION IX ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS	
Athletic Director:	Assistant Athletic Director:
Sports and Information Director:	Sports and Information Staff:
Other:	Other:

Please provide any additional information which you were unable to provide in any Section, including team members, coaches, trainers, and Team Awards.

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