



***SPORTS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION
ATHLETE RECOGNITION AWARD
APPLICATION***

***PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING
THE APPLICATION***

Please Return by DECEMBER 31ST

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LETTER TO NOMINATOR AND APPLICANT

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 who played an authorized and sanctioned varsity sport while at Bowie State. Further, we 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 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 athlete for the Sports Hall of Fame's Athlete Recognition Award. Let us state upfront, 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.

NO SELF NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THIS CATEGORY.

You may be asked or required to provide reference materials about the nominee including, but not limited to, newspaper articles, citations, and awards. This selection process will require a personal interview with the nominee at a time and place designated by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame's Selection Committee. If the candidate is deceased, an interview may be required by a surviving spouse or family member.

Further, there is a financial component to this Athlete Recognition Award. So, before proceeding, please be aware and make the nominee aware of this financial commitment. His/her basic financial commitment is estimated to be around \$1,800.00, which will be required to be paid before June 1st or another officially designated date.

As part of the Athlete Recognition Award process, the nominee will be required to become a member 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 301-509-5431 (Cell), SHOF Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Director of the BSUNAA.

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

BSU Sports Hall of Fame Foundation
Attn: Applications
P.O. Box 2343
Bowie, Maryland 20719

If you chose to submit your completed application package electronically, you may submit your application package via email to: mitchell.ricardo77@yahoo.com. In either case, your submission of the Athlete Recognition Award Application package must be accompanied with a non-refundable \$25.00 check or money order before the application process begins. The 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: BSU Sports Hall of Fame. P.O. Box 2343. Bowie, Maryland 20718.**

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

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NOMINATING INSTRUCTIONS

Nominations for the Bowie State University Sports Hall of Fame's (SHOF) Athlete Recognition Award for former varsity level Bowie State athletes can be submitted by current or former BSU students, administrators, faculty, coaches, friends, or nominee's family members. **NO SELF NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THIS CATEGORY.**

All Nominations for the BSU SHOF Athlete Recognition Award must complete this official Athlete 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 Athlete 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. At this time, 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 with 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 begin. Note in the Memo area: HOF Application. See the mailing address instruction below.**

The Nominee's Application will be reviewed by the SHOF 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 the complete contact information for the person or persons making the Nomination. Failure to provide this information will result in the application being rejected.

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

**BSU Sports Hall of Fame Alumni Chapter
Attn: Application
P.O. Box 2343
Bowie, Maryland 20719**

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

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CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

Criteria for Sports Hall of Fame's ATHLETE RECOGNITION AWARD Nominations, Including Cheerleader Criteria's below.

The Athlete Recognition Award was specifically created by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame to recognize and give honor to those unsung individual athletes and cheerleaders whose consistent hard work, unselfish dedication, tireless efforts and performances played a pivotal role in the success of the Bowie State Athletic Programs. Generally, these athletes' contributions may have gone unnoticed by the league, conference, or media, but not by the individual's team members.

Former Athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for nomination for this award.

1. Nominees must have "Lettered" in their recognized and sanctioned varsity level sport at Bowie State.
2. Nominees must have played for at least one (1) year or one (1) season.
3. Nominees must be recommended by former a teammate for this award and verified by at least one (1) or more other teammates of their contributions to the team.
4. Nominees must have been out of competition from Bowie State for a minimum of ten (10) years.
5. Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding quality, high moral character and integrity while attending Bowie State and after.
6. Nominees must not have financial obligations to the University or related organizations and must be an active member of the Bowie State University National Alumni Association, Inc. Nominees are encouraged to become an active member of a local BSU Alumni Chapter.

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.

Cheerleader Criteria's below.

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CHEERLEADERS – LEGACY

Prior to a Bowie State Cheerleader's specific conference participation, a Legacy Cheerleader, who cheered before 1980, may be eligible to receive an Athlete Recognition Award by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame if the Cheerleader cheered in at least fifty (50) percent of their games.

1. Nominees must have "Lettered" as a Cheerleader in their recognized and sanctioned varsity level sport at Bowie State.
2. Nominees must have cheered at least one (1) year or one (1) season.
3. Nominees must be recommended by former a teammate for this award and verified by at least one (1) or more other teammates of their contributions to the team.
4. Nominees must have been out of competition from Bowie State for a minimum of ten (10) years. Some exceptions may apply at the discretion of the Sports Hall of Fame Foundation's Selection Committee.
5. Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding quality, high moral character and integrity while attending Bowie State and after.

CHEERLEADERS – LEGEND

Bowie State Cheerleader's specific conference participation, a Legend Cheerleader, who cheered after 1980 may be eligible to receive an Athlete Recognition Award by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame if the Cheerleader cheered in at least sixty (60) percent of their games.

1. Nominees must have "Lettered" as a Cheerleader in their recognized and sanctioned varsity level sport at Bowie State.
2. Nominees must have cheered at least one (1) year or one (1) season.
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SECTION I NOMINEE'S PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION			
*Nominee's Full Name:		*Date of Birth:	
Present Position/Occupation:			
*Present Address:			
*City:		*State:	
*Zip Code:			
*Primary Phone:		Business Phone:	
*Other:			
*Primary Personal Email:		Business Email:	

SECTION II NOMINEE'S EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION		
*Bowie State Enrollment Date:	Major:	Minor:
Type of Degree:	*Completion Date:	*Graduation Date:
Post Graduate Studies		
School:	Enrollment Date:	Major:
Dissertation:	Type of Degree:	Graduation or Completions Date:

SECTION III SPORT SELECTION CATEGORY <i>Select Sport Played</i>					
Baseball:	Bowling:	Cheerleader:	Cross Country Track:	Football:	Men's Basketball:
Softball:	Tennis:	Track & Field:	Volleyball:	Women's Basketball:	Other: Golf Swimming Wrestling
PLAYING PERIOD <i>Please provide the actual years the nominee played</i>					
Legacy - Period of Play 1920 - 1980:			Legend - Period of Play 1981 - Present:		
FROM:		TO:		FROM: TO:	

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**SECTION IV
NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS**

*** 1 Nominee's Undergraduate Athletic Achievements (Honors, Awards, On-Field Accomplishments, including Team Captain, etc.):**

*** 2 Nominee's Professional Athletic Achievements (Honors, Awards, On-Field Accomplishments, etc.):**

*** 3 Nominee's Undergraduate Academic or Extra Curricular Activities (Fraternity, Sorority, SGA, Clubs, etc.):**

*** 4 Post Undergraduate Community Organizations and/or Civic Associations, Elected Office, Political Appointments, etc.:**

*** 5 Professional Memberships and/or Honors:**

6 Church Affiliations and/or Honors and Awards, etc. (Optional):

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* 7 Other Accomplishments and/or Local Leadership, etc.:

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**SECTION V
NOMINEE'S FORMER TEAMMATE RECOMMENDATIONS AND VERIFICATIONS**

* Former Teammate's Name:	* Sport:	* Years Played Together:
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* Former Teammate's Street Address:		
* City:	* State:	* Zip Code:
* Primary Phone Number:	Business Number:	Additional Phone Number:
* Primary Personal Email:		Business Email:

* Explain why your former teammate deserves recognition by the Sports Hall of Fame:
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* Former Teammate's Name:	* Sport:	* Years Played Together:
* Former Teammate's Street Address:		

* City:	* State:	* Zip Code:
* Primary Phone Number:	Business Number:	Additional Phone Number:
* Primary Personal Email:		Business Email:

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* Explain why your former teammate deserves recognition by the Sports Hall of Fame:
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SECTION VI NOMINEE'S EXPRESSION <i>Please have Nominee provide a short narrative on their desire to be recognized by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame</i>
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SECTION VII NOMINEE'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION INFORMATION			
*National Alumni Member (Yes/No):	*Type of Membership (Annual or Lifetime):	*Date Joined:	*Date Last Dues Paid:
LOCAL ALUMNI CHAPTER AFFILIATION			
Local Alumni Chapter's Name:		Type of Membership (Annual or Lifetime):	
Date Joined:		Dues Amount Paid:	

SECTION VIII NOMINEE'S FAMILY INFORMATION (Optional)	
Marital Status:	Name of Spouse:
If nominee is deceased, note date:	

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Children Names and Ages

If more space is required, please note information on worksheet

Name:	Gender	Age:
Name:	Gender	Age:
Name:	Gender	Age:

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SECTION IX NOMINEE'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION <i>If Retired, Complete Retired Section Only</i>		
1 Current Employer or Company Name:		Owner/Manager/Supervisor Name:
Years of Service with Company:	Current Title:	Special Awards/Recognitions:
2 Former Employer or Company Name:		Owner/Manager/Supervisor Name:
Years of Service with Company:	Current Title:	Special Awards/Recognitions:

SECTION X NOMINEE'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTINUED RETIRED		
Career Industry (e.g., Information Technology):	Last Company's Name:	Years of Service:
Last Title:	Special Awards/Recognitions:	

SECTION XI NOMINEE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION <i>Please provide details for your community service in this Section</i>		
1 Organization Name:	Organization Leader's Name:	Type of Community Organization:
Your Title (Member, Officer):	Years of Service with Organization:	Special Awards/Recognitions:
2 Organization Name:	Organization Leader's Name:	Type of Community Organization:

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Your Title (Member, Officer):	Years of Service with Organization:	Special Awards/Recognitions:
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**SECTION XII
NOMINEE'S CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

* Has Nominee ever been convicted of a felony?	If yes, Date of Conviction:	If yes, State/County/City of Conviction:
If yes, Sentence:	If yes, Length of Incarceration:	If yes, Current Status:
<i>The conviction of a Felony does not automatically eliminate the Nominee from consideration for Recognition by the BSU Sports Hall of Fame; however, it may be considered as a factor by each voting member of the Selection Committee and its impact.</i>		

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SECTION XIII

WORKSHEET SECTION

Please use this section to provide any additional information to your application form.

NOTE TO NOMINATORS

Individuals who choose to nominate former Bowie State athletes, head coaches, assistant coaches, and athletic department staff should understand that you have an obligation to help, assist, and guide your nominee forward in this process. Your nominee will be requested to provide information, raise funds, attend meetings, and participate in a personal interview with the Sports Hall of Fame's Selection Committee, and it will be your responsibility to provide support to your nominee with all of these activities. Further, there will be a substantial financial obligation required by your nominee and you may be asked to help provide some of these funds. Before you submit this document, you should be aware that the Selection Committee may call upon you for your support of your nominee and your assistance will be expected.

**SECTION XI
NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION**

* Nominator's Name:	* Relationship to Nominee:	
* Nominator's Street Address:		
* City:	* State:	* Zip Code:
* Primary Phone Number:	Business Number:	Additional Phone Number:

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* Primary Personal Email:	Business Email:	

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

You may email your completed Nomination Application Form to:
rickmitchell1212@yahoo.com

Please forward your hardcopy Nomination Application Form to:
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Attn: Application
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All Applications for consideration must be received by December 31st unless waived by the SHOF President