

HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FINE ARTS HALL OF FAME GUIDELINES

Scope

The Hamburg Area School District's Fine Arts Hall of Fame serves to recognize persons in the school community who have distinguished themselves in the fields of music, theater, visual arts, dance, literature, or folk art, and/or contributed significantly to the fine arts programs of the district/community.

Eligibility

A candidate must qualify in one of the following categories and may be living or deceased at the time of nomination:

1. A graduate of Hamburg Area High School, Hamburg High School, or Perry High School. The candidate is not eligible until a minimum of ten years after graduating.
2. A former employee of Hamburg Area School District or Perry Township School District.
3. Any individual who has contributed significantly to the fine arts programs of the Hamburg Area School District.

Nominations

The Fine Arts Hall of Fame Committee shall be responsible for soliciting nominations every two years, to coincide with the district music festival or the spring concert. Solicitations shall be made in school district publications (print or digital), local newspapers, at various school and community fine arts programs and events, and from prior inductees. Nominations must be made, in writing, on the official nomination form and received by March 6.

Selection

A maximum of three candidates shall be selected for induction each year. Candidates not selected may be considered in the subsequent year without the need for re-nomination.

Election shall be by secret ballot of the voting members of the Fine Arts Hall of Fame Committee. The committee shall agree, prior to the balloting, on the particular procedures and rules that will govern the election process. (For example, how many votes will be required to elect, or how many candidates will be elected in a given year.)

Committee

The Fine Arts Hall of Fame Committee shall be composed of up to nine voting members, which include the following: a student representative, an administrative coordinator, at least one school board member, at least one teacher from the fine arts faculty, and members at large from the community.

Voting members shall serve a four-year renewable term on the committee. Renewal shall be at the request of the member and upon approval of a majority (five members) of the committee. The student representative shall be a senior chosen by the high school art and music teachers. The administrative coordinator shall be designated by the Superintendent. The school board delegate or delegates will be appointed by the board president.

The committee will meet in the fall or winter of the upcoming induction year to regroup and discuss strategies for identifying worthy candidates.

Induction and Award

Induction shall take place at a well-attended fine arts program held in the Hamburg Area High School.

Inductees shall receive a photo plaque indicating their achievements and contributions. An identical plaque shall be displayed in a prominent location in the Hamburg Area High School.

A reception for the inductees, their families and friends may be held in the high school immediately following or prior to the concert and induction ceremony. A committee of three people identified at the meeting prior to the induction will take responsibility for organizing the reception.

The inductees will be invited to share examples of their art form with the district in a variety of ways. For example, if they so choose, they may leave pieces of their work in the lobby display cases for a period of time following the induction ceremony.

The inductees and the Hamburg Area Board of School Directors shall be notified of the awards before the names are made public.