



## IAAPA Hall of Fame Award Criteria

### Award Description:

The IAAPA Hall of Fame celebrates the giants of the attractions industry – the dreamers, the innovators, and the leaders who have shaped our world. These are individuals who have achieved extraordinary success while also generously giving back to the industry they love. Induction into this prestigious group is a testament to their unwavering commitment, outstanding achievements, and the lasting legacy they've built. More than just personal success, these pioneers have elevated the entire industry through their vision and dedication, forever changing the landscape of global attractions.

### Award Criteria:

1. IAAPA Membership past or present is preferred, but not required.
2. Must have been associated with the attractions industry for a minimum of 10 years.
3. Must be affiliated with a theme or amusement park, water park, family entertainment center, zoo, aquarium, museum, science center, natural or adventure attraction, resort, or other attraction, manufacturer, supplier, or consultant.
4. Must have contributions with global impact two or more IAAPA regions
5. Must have contributions in one or more of the following areas:
  - Innovation
  - Education
  - Leadership
  - Influence both within their organization and industry-wide that will continue to be of value in the future

### Examples of contributions to the attractions industry at large:

- An individual who has contributed to the success and inspiration of other global industry leaders.
- A design or invention of material equipment, processes, or technical services.
- An innovation in conjunction with attractions, rides, exhibitions, entertainment, food, merchandise, games, engineering, safety, or other area critical to the success of the attractions industry.
- A significant, industry-focused literary contribution.
- An industry altering marketing campaign.



**Application Materials:**

- Applicant Information
- A separate, typewritten document, no more than three (3) pages that summarizes the nominee's activities and contributions within the attractions industry.
- A separate, typewritten document, no more than two (2) pages, including a timeline of the significant dates related to the activities or events cited in the nomination to help provide context for the nominee's contributions. Please put the timeline in reverse chronological order, and use the following structure/layout: YEAR - MONTH – DESCRIPTION
  - Ex. 2005 – January – Innovation/Invention
- Any related additional material, including, but not limited to newspaper articles, front page of a patent (not a full patent), magazine articles, excerpts from books (please do not send entire books), and any other documents or materials that directly support the nominee's industry contributions.
  - There is space for up to four (4) URLs/links, and four (4) separate document uploads
  - Please note that document uploads should follow this naming convention: LAST NAME OF NOMINEE | name of material being submitted | submission year. *Example: COOK New York Times Top 100 Article 2025*
- Two (2) to four (4) letters of recommendation, each being no longer than one (1) page in length.

