

Gasconade County R-1 School District
Policy Establishing Criteria for Adding Names to the
Bearcat Memorial Stadium Monument

Finding of Need

When a member of our community has made a lifelong commitment of his or her talents and personal resources for the advancement of the quality of education for our youth, it is appropriate that the Board of Directors of the school district recognize the lasting contributions made by such person. The Board has found, and hereby declares as the policy of the district, that truly extraordinary service rendered to the district and its students be honored by inscribing the names of such deserving persons on a tile, paver, brick, or similar flat surface to be placed in the Bearcat Memorial Stadium. This statement of policy is intended to provide guidance to present and future Boards and to residents of the district on the procedure to be followed and the qualities to be looked for in the nomination and selection of possible honorees to be so recognized.

Criteria

To be eligible for nomination, the person must have been deceased for no less than two years prior to filing of the nomination; and the life history of a potential honoree must include at least a majority of the following traits:

1. The person's name must have enduring significance to the students and district residents, after passage of at least two years.
2. The quality and duration of the nominee's service must have been truly extraordinary and beneficial to the district.
3. The nominee should have exhibited desirable personal characteristics that are worthy of emulation by others, including honesty, community involvement, humility, heroism and similar traits.
4. The nominee should have demonstrated, through overt acts, a sincere concern for students and their welfare.
5. The nominee should have demonstrated rapport with the residents and students of the district.
6. The nominee should have exhibited unusual heroism or selfless concern for his community or country in the relevant circumstances of the nominee's death.
7. The nominee's life, as well as the circumstances of his or her death, should have been exemplary and worthy of special recognition.
8. The nominee should have been a high school graduate from or a teacher or administrator in the district or have moved into the district and spent most of his or her productive years as a resident of the district while performing services and acts for which so nominated.

Nomination of Honorees

1. Any resident of the school district may nominate a potential honoree whose acts of service deserve special recognition by inscription of the person's name on the monument to be placed permanently in a prominent location within the district's Memorial Stadium. Nominations shall be made by completing a "Memorial Honoree Nomination" form, which is available in the Superintendent's office. Such nominations may be filed with the Board of Directors no earlier than two years after the

nominee's death. The deadline for filing nominations in any given year will be the first business day in March of the year in which the nomination is to be considered.

2. The Board president shall appoint a committee consisting of one (1) Board member and five (5) district patrons not associated with the nomination. The committee shall review and evaluate the nomination and make a written recommendation to the full Board regarding the appropriate response to the nomination.
3. The committee will complete the review of all nominations received prior to the deadline and make its recommendations to the Board no later than the regularly scheduled Board meeting in April.
4. The Board will consider, discuss, and evaluate the nomination and the committee's recommendation during an open meeting or meetings. The Board will give due consideration to the committee's recommendation(s) but the Board retains sole authority for approval or rejection of the nomination. The Board shall announce its decision at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in April of the same year.
5. Possible responses by the Board to a nomination may consist of one of the following options:
 - a. The Board may reject the nomination and deny the requested action.
 - b. The Board may table the nomination and ask the committee to obtain additional information from the applicant or from other sources.
 - c. The Board may delay action on the nomination, pending some event or passage of time as specified by the Board. The Board may also suggest that the applicant submit a new or amended nomination at a later date.
 - d. The Board may approve the nomination and agree to an appropriate inscription to be placed on the monument.
6. After announcing approval of a nomination at a public meeting, the Board will release, for publication in the local newspaper and in district communication and newsletters, a statement of the honoree's name and the reasons for recognition.
7. Except for events arising out of an unprecedented catastrophe or other similar circumstances, no more than one honoree may be selected in any one year; except that in the first year of implementation of this policy not more than four (4) such honorees may be selected. Such limitations on the number of honorees is solely to prevent dilution of the honor associated with such recognition.
8. Engraving of names will begin as soon as possible after the announcement to enable the name of each honoree to be placed on the monument. In addition to the public meeting and local media announcements immediately after the selection, each newly selected honoree will be acknowledged at a public ceremony during the opening home football game of the school year.
9. The committee shall recommend, but the Board will finally determine, the actual content of the engraving for each honoree. Consideration will be given to length versus legibility of the inscription. However, the content will include at least the person's name, dates of birth and death, and one-line description of reasons for the selection.





Bearcat Memorial Honoree Nomination Form

This form shall be completed and used for any nomination of a potential honoree to be selected by the Board of Directors of Gasconade County R-1 School District for special recognition by the inscription of that person's name on the Bearcat Memorial Stadium Monument. Before filing the form, an applicant should review the written Board policy criteria to be met before the Board will consider the addition of an honoree's name to the Monument.

This form must be returned to the Office of the Superintendent no later than the first day of the month in order for the nomination to be accepted by the Board for consideration and appointment of a review committee at the regularly scheduled board meeting for that month. A nomination must be filed no later than the first business day of March for it to be considered for acceptance in that calendar year. All of the following information must be provided.

Applicant:	
Name	
Phone	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Nominee:	
Name	
Date of Birth	
Date of Death	

Applicant's relation to the nominee:

Relevant years of nominee's service to the District:

Capacity in which service was rendered:
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Specific contributions to the District:

Other awards, honors or recognition for special accomplishments or contributions bestowed on Nominee by business, military, public service or religious organization:

Award: _____ **Date:** _____

Reason for Recognition:

Award: _____ **Date:** _____

Reason for Recognition:

Award: _____ **Date:** _____

Reason for Recognition:

Specific examples of nominee's desirable personal characteristics that were consistently displayed over time:

[Empty box for providing specific examples of desirable personal characteristics]

Specific overt acts by the nominee that, over time demonstrated sincere concern for students and their welfare and for other residents of the District:

[Empty box for providing specific overt acts demonstrating concern for students and residents]

Specific overt acts by the nominee that showed, over time a concern for the patrons of the District:

Capacity in which the nominee was serving others at the time of death and whether nominee's death was a direct result of his or her service to others:

Any additional comments for consideration:

Applicant

Signature _____

Date _____

For GCR1 Central Office Use only:

Date received _____

Received by _____