

MIAMI BEACH

HALL of FAME

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NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The City of Miami Beach Hall of Fame was established in 2018 to recognize remarkable individuals that have made a lasting and significant impact on Miami Beach. Eligible individuals must have been either born in Miami Beach, made Miami Beach their place of residence or business and/or had a positive and lasting impact on the community.

Nominees have been considered based on distinguished achievements in the arts, architecture, design, science, athletics, business, community leadership and family legacy. Nominees must be well known in their field of expertise and recognized as leaders. They may be living or deceased.

Past inductees include Michael Aller, former Mayor Matti Bower, Norman Braman, Barbara Capitman, Emilio and Gloria Estefan, Tony Goldman, Jorge M. Gonzalez, Morris Lapidus, Dr. Solomon “Sol” Lichter, Stephen Muss and Mitchel “Micky” Wolfson. Each Hall of Fame inductee will be honored with a plaque at the south concourse wall of the Miami Beach Convention Center listing their accomplishments and a special ceremony to celebrate their achievements.

Selection Committee

A nine (9)-member Commission-appointed Selection Committee for the Hall of Fame, of which the Mayor and Commission may each designate one (1) appointee, with two (2) additional members being nominated at-large.

Selection Committee Appointees could be knowledgeable in the following fields of expertise:

- Business
- Education
- Arts & Entertainment
- Philanthropy
- Sports
- Public Service
- Literature/History

Eligibility Criteria

A person would be eligible for induction to the City of Miami Beach Hall of Fame if that person meets any or all the following criteria:

- Had/Has significant ties to the City including born in Miami Beach, made Miami Beach his/her place of residence or business, or made a positive and lasting impact on Miami Beach
- Must have made substantial contributions to their respective area as an Artist, Architect, Designer, Scientist, Athlete, Business Leader, Civic Leader, or Family Legacy.
- Must have a history of demonstrating strong character and integrity while acting as an ambassador for the City of Miami Beach.

- Must have had a direct and significant positive impact on the City of Miami Beach.
- Nominees must be in good standing in the community at the time of selection by the City Commission.

Ineligibility

- No sitting elected or appointed public official shall be eligible for nomination. A moratorium, for a period of five (5) years after leaving office, shall be placed on the nomination of elected and appointed officials.
- No family members of sitting elected or appointed public officials shall be eligible for nomination; a moratorium for a period of three (3) years after leaving office shall be placed on the nomination of family members of elected and appointed officials.
- Members of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee may not submit nominees or be considered for nominations.
- Individuals cannot nominate themselves.
- Prior year nominees to the Hall of Fame may not be considered for nomination unless re-nominated to the current Hall of Fame year.

Nomination Process

- Hall of Fame nomination applications are open for each cycle for approximately two months. Completed nominations must be submitted to halloffame@miamibeachfl.gov.
- Nomination forms must include the completed application form, a brief biography of the individual, achievements, awards, and two letters of recommendation (as described in the application).
- All sections of the nomination form must be completed. Please refrain from sending petitions, photographs, books, resumes, Curriculum Vitae (CV), etc. in lieu of completing the nomination form. If additional materials are requested by the members of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee, the submitter will be contacted. Be sure to include complete citations of sources of information used to write the nomination (reference books, periodicals, etc.)
- Nominations will only be accepted during the designated nomination period. This rule shall apply to all persons, including members of the City Commission. At the meeting where the Hall of Fame Committee recommendations are considered, the Commission's actions shall be limited to approving or rejecting each specific candidate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission may not add new names during such meeting.

Selection Process

- Once the application is completed and submitted, the nomination package will be reviewed by the Tourism and Culture Department. Staff will serve as liaison to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.
- The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will review all complete applications.
- The Selection Committee shall approve only one inductee.
- The Miami Beach City Commission will approve the inductee to the Miami Beach Hall of Fame.