

KYWV Past Governors Association  
**HALL OF FAME AWARD Nomination**

The Past Governors Association of the Kentucky-West Virginia District recognizes the need to point out the achievements of Optimists in the District who have performed above and beyond the regular day-to-day routines of our members. Beginning in 2010, the PGA is moving from its Optimist of the Year recognition award to a Hall of Fame Award that takes into consideration contributions Optimists have made to the children in their communities throughout their lifetimes.

Nominations for this award must follow the criteria listed below and will be scored using the weighted scoring indicated for each criterion. The Hall of Fame Award will be presented only to those whose nomination scores a minimum of 80 points, and more than one award may be presented each year. If nominations do not score the sufficient number of points for the award, no award will be given that year. Members of the Past Governors Association have the authority to submit their own nominations.  
(Past Governors are not eligible for the award.)

The Hall of Fame Award will be presented annually at the District Convention. Nominations must be received each year by June 30. The nominations must not exceed two pages and may include no more than five letters of support. The name/address where the nominations are to be sent will be publicized in the District Newsletter and on the District website and will be announced at all District Conferences. Normally, this will be the Immediate Past Governor.

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1. **Club Leadership** (25 points): What offices has the nominee held at the club level? What new, innovative projects has the nominee started in the community as the result of a newly identified need among the children? Has the nominee mentored new members in the club to make sure they learn about Optimist International and understand the role of the club in the community?

Supporting letters in this category may come from new club members, club officers, or the parents of children who participated in a new project.

2. **District Leadership** (25 points): What offices has the nominee held at the district level? Are they willing to step outside their comfort zone and serve in an area that needs their leadership? Do they attend District meetings on a regular basis? Do they attend the Executive/Business Sessions to give reports and learn about the business of the District?

Supporting letters in this category may come from current and past District leaders, club members who attend District meetings, or OI representatives who have visited the District.

3. **Growth** (20 points): Does the nominee regularly sponsor new members? Have they been involved in the organization of a new Optimist Club? Do they participate in PGI as a means to grow in their knowledge of Optimist International?

Supporting letters in this category may come from members the nominee has sponsored, members of new clubs the nominee has organized, or the District PGI Chair.

4. **OI Foundation** (10 points): Does the nominee support the Optimist International Foundation through regular contributions through the President's Club, Dime A Day, etc.?

A supporting letter in this category may come from the District OI Foundation Representative.

5. **Community Relations** (20 points): Is the nominee involved in other activities in the community that compliment the mission of Optimist International? Are they good ambassadors of The Optimist Creed? Do they seek to cooperate and/or partner with other civic organizations, churches, or businesses to meet the needs of children in their community?

Supporting letters in this category may come from community or business leaders and members of other civic organizations or churches.

Nominations must be signed by the nominator, and the nominator must note their address, phone number, email address, and the name of the Optimist Club to which they belong. Letters of support must be dated and include contact information (name, address, phone and email address).

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**JUDGING:** Following the June 30 deadline, all nominations and letters of support will be copied and forwarded to members of the KYWV Past Governors Association for review and scoring. Scores will be reported to the Immediate Past Governor, who will compile all scores and determine an average score for each nomination. Those nominations scoring at least 80 points will receive the Hall of Fame Award at the District Convention.

**NOTE:** The Hall of Fame Award is the sole responsibility of the KYWV Past Governors Association. It is not a part of the District awards, policies or budget. The award is paid for by members of the KYWV Past Governors Association. All decisions are final and non-appealable.