



Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame 2017 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations accepted April 1 - May 31, 2017

OVERVIEW

The **Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame** is a program of the Space Foundation, created to honor the astronauts, aerospace executives, government officials, scholars and other public and private sector leaders who have contributed most significantly to the evolution, success, and development of Colorado's space economy as one of the most important in the nation and world. The Space Foundation is a U.S. national organization, conducting business internationally, that has been headquartered in Colorado since its founding in 1983. While various Space Foundation awards recognize individuals and organizations for space achievement on a national or international scale, this award program is aimed squarely at recognizing the unique role of Colorado and Coloradans in the exploration, development and utilization of space. The award recognizes outstanding individuals who have distinguished themselves through lifetime contributions to the welfare or betterment of humankind through the exploration, development and utilization of space, or the use of space technology, information, themes or resources in academic, cultural, industrial or other pursuits of broad benefit to humanity.

Honorees are determined by a solicitation of nominations, and subsequent review of the nominations by a volunteer selection committee recruited each year by the Space Foundation. Honorees are inducted into the Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame at a special gala dinner, to be held in Denver each autumn; for 2017, the event will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Proceeds from the gala benefit the education and outreach programs of the Space Foundation. The Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame will live virtually, on the internet, and may later find a permanent physical presence at the Space Foundation Discovery Center space museum and education center.

ELIGIBILITY

The award is presented to individuals whose personal or professional contributions in the space arena span a decade or more, and who have lived or worked in Colorado to a significant extent.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

From one to five persons may be inducted each year into the Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame. An individual may only be inducted once.



ELIGIBLE PERSONS

Any person (living or deceased) whose distinguished lifetime achievement through the exploration, development or utilization of space – whether technical, managerial, academic, scientific, private, public, political, governmental, journalistic, artistic, astronautic or cosmonautic – has either:

- a. Space as its primary emphasis or focus, or
- b. Been carried out in such manner that the individual is widely recognized as a “champion” of space.

ELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The lifetime achievement being honored must meet at least two of the following measures:

- Significantly advanced the state-of-the-art of space technology
- Significantly advanced humankind’s understanding of space or space technology
- Significantly contributed to public understanding of, or support for, space endeavors
- Significantly and positively shaped governmental policy toward space
- Effectively interpreted, through visual or other communicative arts, the majesty and importance of space
- Effectively provided – by management, advocacy or design – significant, enduring or crucial space systems or infrastructure
- Effectively employed space technologies, research systems, or space-derived data to improve the human condition through the artistic, scientific or humanistic endeavor

EXEMPLIFICATION OF MISSION

The Mission of the Space Foundation is *to advance space-related endeavors to inspire, enable and propel humanity*. Eligible persons must exemplify the Space Foundation mission by meeting at least two of the following five specific criteria:

- a. Publication or Public Speaking:** Has written or published (through any medium) papers, textbooks, articles, etc., relating to the exploration, development or utilization of space, or has spoken in public forums such as conferences and symposia. (Examples: books and magazines; conferences and meetings; radio and television shows)
- b. Public Relations/Space Awareness:** Has been active in promoting and disseminating information about space exploration, development or utilization through any medium.
- c. Interdisciplinary Activity:** Has been active with non-space-related groups – whether professional, fraternal, industrial, academic or community based – resulting in a transfer of space knowledge to other professions or groups.
- d. Humanitarian Service:** Has been active in community or public service not related to normal job responsibilities. (Examples: hospital or school boards; charitable community endeavors; government/civic service)
- e. Space Foundation Service:** Has volunteered or otherwise contributed significant or extended effort on behalf of the Space Foundation and its mission.



NOMINATION PERIOD

For 2017, nominations will be accepted from April 1 through May 31.

WHO MAY NOMINATE

Any person may nominate a candidate, with the exception that individuals may not nominate themselves.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

The nomination should be in the form of a letter, not to exceed one page in length, and mailed to the attention of the Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame program administrator:

Gina Taranto, Director of Philanthropy
Space Foundation
4425 Arrowswest Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907

Or it can be emailed to: gtaranto@spacefoundation.org

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Space Foundation will review all nominations.
2. The Space Foundation will select no fewer than ten and no more than twenty finalists.
3. The Space Foundation will present the nominations of the finalists to a special committee of volunteer judges.
4. The volunteer judges will make a final selection of one to five honorees to be inducted into the Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame.

PRESENTATION

Honorees will be inducted into the Colorado Space Heroes Hall of Fame at a special gala dinner event, to be organized each autumn by the Space Foundation. The second class of honorees will be inducted at this gala, during World Space Week, on October 5, 2017, in Denver, Colorado.

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