How do I nominate someone to the Hall of Fame?

Nominations to the Mississippi Hall of Fame can be made anyone. The nomination must be submitted via the official form found on the Old Capitol's website. Each nomination should describe the unique contributions and accomplishments of the nominee. Nominees must be native or adopted Mississippians and deceased a minimum of five years.

Elections to the Hall of Fame occur every five years. To view the Hall of Fame rules for election and to submit a nomination, please visit oldcapitolmuseum.com.

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The many portraits that hang in the Old Capitol Museum constitute the Mississippi Hall of Fame, which honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the state. In 1902, Dunbar Rowland, the first director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, began the Hall of Fame as a “collection of portraits of the great men of Mississippi.” He saw the portraits as a means to “stimulate state pride and patriotism” and to “honor the walls” of the New Capitol building, then being constructed. The Hall of Fame was moved to the Old Capitol in 1961.

Today, the Mississippi Hall of Fame has over 100 members and continues to recognize distinguished Mississippians while reflecting the diversity of the state’s population.