



NMEDA Hall of Fame

Nomination Rubric and Writing Guide

A strong Hall of Fame nomination tells a compelling story. There is no strict format required, but nominations are typically 4 to 5 paragraphs and should give the committee a clear, well-supported picture of why this individual deserves to be inducted. Use the structure below as your guide.

Paragraph 1: Who They Are

Introduce the nominee. Include their full name, company or organization, how long they have been in the automotive mobility industry, and their primary role or area of focus. This paragraph sets the stage for everything that follows.

Example: Jane Smith has spent more than 30 years as the founder and owner of [Company], a mobility equipment dealership serving the [region] area. Since opening her doors in 1993, she has been a constant presence in the industry...

Paragraph 2: Contributions to NMEDA and the Mobility Industry

This is the heart of your nomination. Describe the nominee's involvement, leadership, and impact both within NMEDA and across the broader industry. Be specific. Where possible, include:

- Years of NMEDA membership and any leadership roles held
- NMEDA awards received (e.g., Member of the Year, QAP excellence recognition)
- Committee involvement or volunteer contributions
- Legislative or advocacy efforts
- Industry initiatives, programs, or organizations they helped build or grow
- Training, mentorship, or education contributions

Paragraph 3: What Sets Them Apart

Make the case for why this person rises above their peers. What is it about their character, their vision, or their legacy that makes them uniquely deserving of Hall of Fame recognition? Think about:

- How they responded to challenges or turning points in the industry
- Ways they innovated or changed how things are done
- The reputation they have built among peers and colleagues
- Their commitment to the people the industry serves, specifically individuals with disabilities

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Paragraph 4: Impact and Legacy

Step back and describe the lasting mark this person has made. How is the industry, NMEDA, or the lives of people with disabilities better because of their work? This paragraph should help the committee understand the long-term significance of the nominee's contributions.

Paragraph 5: Closing Case for Induction

Close with a direct, confident statement of why this person belongs in the NMEDA Hall of Fame. This is your opportunity to make a final appeal to the committee. Keep it concise and memorable.

Example: [Name] has given decades of their life to this industry with integrity, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to independence for people with disabilities. Their induction into the NMEDA Hall of Fame would be a fitting recognition of a truly exceptional career.

Nomination Scoring Criteria

The Hall of Fame Committee will evaluate nominations based on the following criteria:

- Years of service in the automotive mobility industry
- Depth and breadth of contributions to NMEDA (membership tenure, awards, committee involvement)
- Industry leadership and peer recognition
- Innovation and trendsetting within their field
- Direct and measurable impact on the automotive mobility industry
- Commitment to serving individuals with disabilities
- Quality and specificity of the nomination submission

Nominations must be submitted to an NMEDA staff member or the Hall of Fame Committee Chair no later than September 30 of each calendar year. For questions or to request a nomination form, contact info@nmeda.org or visit NMEDA.org.