Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay

Torchbearer Program

Overview

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay was created to honor Hoosiers who have demonstrated exceptional public service, achievement, acts of heroism and/or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region or state. Torchbearers will be Hoosiers, representing all walks of life. More than 1,800 torchbearers will be selected to carry the torch. A juried nomination process will be employed in each county to select torchbearers. Torchbearers will carry the torch in their county of nomination.

Torchbearer Nomination Criteria (ALL the following criteria must be met):

1. Nominees must possess the physical adaptive ability to carry the torch (weighing no more than 5 lbs and measuring 32 inches in length) a minimum of .25 miles.
2. They shall be a resident of Indiana, former resident of Indiana, nominated in honor of someone who is or was a resident of Indiana.
3. Nominee shall be a current or former resident of the county in which they are being nominated.
4. Nominee must be at least 14 years of age to carry the live fire Flagship Torch. If under 14, the nominee will be required to carry the no flame Kids Torch.
5. Nominee may be subject to criminal background check.
6. Nominee, if selected, is required to complete a Torchbearer Waiver Form. If nominee is under 18, a parent/guardian signature will be required to complete the Torchbearer Waiver Form.
7. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. A substitute torchbearer can be submitted to carry on behalf of the nominee. See application form.

One of the two following criteria must be met:

1. They will have achieved personal and/or professional excellence or celebrity status OR
2. Torchbearers will have made an outstanding contribution to their neighborhood, community, region or state through service, stewardship, and/or involvement.

Nominator Criteria

1. There are no restrictions on the number of nominations any one person is permitted to submit.
2. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
3. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.
4. Nominators must submit a completed form. Partial or incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Methods of Nomination

Email

1. Writable PDF form can be downloaded from www.indiana2016.org/torchrelay.
2. Complete form, save and email back as an attachment.
3. Nomination forms submitted via email should be made to the designated county contact as indicated on www.indiana2016.org/torchrelay.

Print

1. Printed nomination forms may be completed and submitted via U.S. Mail or dropped off at a county designated location.

County designated locations (addresses) are available at www.indiana2016.org/torchrelay

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominator Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Torchbearer Nominee Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Age Range: ○ 10 to 18 ○ 26 to 35 ○ 46 to 55 ○ 66 to 75
○ 19 to 25 ○ 36 to 45 ○ 56 to 65 ○ 75 +

Gender _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ County of Nomination _____ Years of Residence _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Current Resident of County Yes ☐ No ☐

Posthumous Nomination Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please include name of substitute person that will carry the torch on behalf of the Nominee above.

Name of Substitute Torchbearer _____

Relationship to Torchbearer _____

Nomination Statement *(Not to exceed 250 words)*

Include details of service and contribution to the county and or state, acts of heroism or valor, historical value/implications, etc.

If the space provided is insufficient, please attach additional paper to the nomination form.

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Deadline for submission of Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay Torchbearer Nomination form - December 31, 2015