Nomination Criteria

The categories and criteria for nomination to the Whitney Young High School Hall of Fame were developed as a result of input from the Hall of Fame Committee.

The submission of a name for consideration will be made in one of six categories. Nominees in these categories must have demonstrated high levels of achievement, award recognition and significant contributions in their fields.

1. **Medicine and Science** – graduates who are surgeons, specialists, and/or general practitioners of high regard or distinction; scientists whose findings have benefited humanity in an important area of existence or who have added substantially to the body of human knowledge; recipients of distinguished awards in any field of scientific endeavor; etc.
2. **Business and Professional** – graduates who are respected economists, influential stock market analysts, CEOs of noted corporations or businesses, particularly successful business persons, legal professionals, etc.
3. **Arts and Entertainment** – graduates who are well-known or frequently published writers, winners of prestigious literary, acting or artistic awards; influential critics; recognized musicians or composers; media celebrities; etc.
4. **Humanitarian and Service** – graduates who have rendered consistent and significant service to the local, state, national or world communities.
5. **Athletics** – graduates who are all-Americans, Olympians, or all-star professional athletes; renowned or especially successful coaches, sports specialists, sports promoters; etc. Candidates can also be Whitney Young coaches who are not alumni but have significantly contributed to the standard of excellence at Whitney Young.
6. **Lifetime Recognition** – This category is reserved for an individual who may not have attained award status in his or her chosen field but whose life demonstrates high moral character and dignity, or who has demonstrated courage in overcoming extraordinary obstacles in life. This category is also reserved for teachers, staff members and community leaders of Whitney Young.
7. **Team Recognition**- Teams that have demonstrated excellence and furthered the reputation of Whitney Young High School.

Once a candidate is nominated in a category, he or she will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Exemplary achievements and recognition in their chosen field.
2. Outstanding citizenship.
3. Exhibit qualities of leadership.
4. Has made a meritorious contribution to society.
5. The candidate must demonstrate the qualities listed above in a manner that will inspire the students of Whitney Young High School in the pursuit of excellence.

A. Students should be graduated for at least 5 years.
B. Teachers and Staff should be retired or not employed at Whitney Young for more than one year.