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## IL Department on Aging: Last Call - 2019 Senior Hall of Fame Awards *Deadline for nominations closes Friday, May 31*

**Springfield, IL** – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is announcing its last call in accepting nominations for the 2019 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame Awards. These awards recognize adults, 65 years of age and older, and highlight the meaningful contributions they have made in Illinois.

“As we close out the month of May - Older Americans Month - the time is now to nominate an older Illinoisan that has made a significant impact on their community,” said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. “Don’t wait - I encourage everyone to nominate those special individuals who should be recognized for their notable service. Please help us honor those who help the principles of respecting yesterday, supporting today, and planning for tomorrow.”

Award nominations are being accepted for the following categories:

- **Community Service:** awarded to Illinois senior citizens that have shown support for the general public and community-based programs in their area or at large.
- **Education:** awarded to Illinois senior citizens that have shown a dedication to instruction and the world of academia.
- **Labor Force:** awarded to Illinois senior citizens that have a record of accomplishment in their employment or professional career.
- **Performance / Graphic Arts:** awarded to Illinois senior citizens that have a commitment to health and the promotion of well-being or a record of accomplishment in artistic expression.

The Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame was created by the Illinois General Assembly in 1994 to honor Illinois residents ages 65 and older for their personal achievements in four separate categories. Since then, 117 people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The deadline for nominations **is this Friday, May 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2019**. Eligibility is based on the nominee's past and present accomplishments. The candidate must be a current Illinois citizen, or a former Illinois citizen for the majority of their life. Posthumous nominees will also be considered. Nomination forms are available by calling the Senior HelpLine at (800) 252-8966 or by visiting our website [www.illinois.gov/aging](http://www.illinois.gov/aging).

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The Illinois Department on Aging does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with appropriate State and Federal statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, call the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966; 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

For more information on how to nominate someone, please contact Purnell Borders at [Purnell.Bordersiii@illinois.gov](mailto:Purnell.Bordersiii@illinois.gov).

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