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## IL Department on Aging Seeks Nominations for 2021 Senior Hall of Fame Awards

*Deadline is June 1; submissions are now being accepted in multiple categories*

**Springfield, IL** – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is accepting nominations for the 2021 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.

"It's been tough this past year. We all know an older family member, friend or neighbor who has made a significant impact in their community or has gone the extra mile during these challenging times," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. "Now, more than ever, I encourage everyone to take some time to nominate those special individuals who should be recognized for their dedication and notable service. Please help us honor those who embody the spirit 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, 125 people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. Eligibility is based on the nominee's past and present accomplishments. The candidate must be a current Illinois resident, or a former Illinois resident for most of their life. Posthumous nominees will also be considered. [Nomination forms can be filled out online](#), calling the **Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (hearing impaired call 888-206-1327)** or emailing [aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov](mailto:aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov).

For more information on how to nominate someone, please visit our website [www.illinois.gov/aging](http://www.illinois.gov/aging), or contact Purnell Borders at [Purnell.Bordersiii@illinois.gov](mailto:Purnell.Bordersiii@illinois.gov).

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