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IL Dept on Aging seeking nominations for *Senior Hall of Fame*

Nomination deadline is August 19; Winners announced later this year

SPRINGFIELD - July 19, 2013. Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) Director John K. Holton, Ph.D., is urging people to nominate older adults for the 2013 Illinois *Senior Hall of Fame* awards. The annual award, established in 1994 by the General Assembly, recognizes residents of the state, ages 65 and older who excel in the categories of Community Service, Education, Performance/Graphic Arts and the Labor Force. Since its start, 87 people have been inducted into the *Senior Hall of Fame*.

“The annual *Senior Hall of Fame* highlights older persons for their personal achievement. Each year, we look forward to recognizing the winners when we host the awards ceremony. We encourage people to submit their nomination forms which must be postmarked or faxed by Monday, August 19,” said Director Holton.

Nomination forms are available at local Area Agencies on Aging, on the department website at http://www.state.il.us/aging/2awareness/hall/hall-fame_nomination.pdf, or by calling the Department on Aging Senior HelpLine at 800-252-8966. Mail nominations forms to the IDoA Division of Communications & Outreach at One Natural Resources Way #100, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271 or fax to: 1-217-785-4477.

Eligibility is based on the nominee’s past or current accomplishments in the category of choice, which excel in one of four categories: Community Service, Education, Performance and/or Graphic Arts and in connection to their employment, called the Labor Force. The candidate must be age 65 or older and a current Illinois resident or a former citizen who lived in the state most of his or her life. Posthumous nominees are also considered.

IDoA will compile a list of nominees then consult with the Coordinating Committee of State Agencies Serving Older Persons to determine who will be the award winner from each category.

This year’s winners will be inducted into the Illinois *Senior Hall of Fame* during a ceremony later this year.

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