

SPIRIT OF WOOD COUNTY AWARDS

The History of the Spirit of Wood County Awards

In celebration of the Bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, the Ohio Northwest Ordinance and U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission developed the Spirit of '87 Awards Program. The awards were established to recognize and honor citizens at the local level whose daily actions embody the principles set forth in the Northwest Ordinance.

Nominations were taken in six different categories directly related to the Ordinance. Every Ohio community was able to participate in the program and local Spirit of '87 Award honorees qualified for statewide recognition.

In 1988 the Wood County Commissioners decided to continue with the awards to honor services rendered by Wood County citizens. Although the names of some the awards have changed over the years, the spirit of the awards is alive today.



Who can be nominated?

Current or former residents of Wood County are eligible to be nominated for a Spirit of Wood County Award.

Who can nominate?

Any Wood County resident is invited to make one or more nominations.

Nomination Process

Complete this nomination form and submit it along with a written summary explaining why you think your nominee should be recognized. (Bullet points are acceptable.) Please address the following items:

1. Identify the contribution(s) for which you nominate this individual.
2. Share examples of your nominee's extraordinary accomplishments and dedication to the County over a sustained period of time.
3. Describe how this contribution has affected Wood County in a positive way and has set a standard and fostered a culture for citizenship, service and community responsibility.
4. We recommend that a nomination form be supported by a summary of the individual's accomplishments, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, and any additional information to support your nomination.

Please be as detailed as possible to provide the selection committee with enough information to make an informed decision. The nominator may also assist the Commissioners in presenting the award at the awards program. A template is available on the County website, www.woodcountyohio.gov, under the Spirit Awards link.

Nominations are accepted year round; however, if a nomination arrives after the end of our internal cycle (August 15), we will consider the nomination for the next year. Submitted nominations are active for two years. If your nomination is not selected during the year submitted, you are welcome to submit additional information to support your nomination.

Return completed form to:

Spirit of Wood County Awards
Board of County Commissioners
One Courthouse Square
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
e-mail: commissioners@woodcountyohio.gov

NOMINATION FORM FOR SPIRIT OF WOOD COUNTY AWARD

Date of Nomination _____

Nominee Contact Information:

Name _____
First MI Last

Address _____
Street City Zip County

Telephone _____
Home Other

Email _____

Award Category (select one):

- Agricultural Leadership One who plays an active role in agriculture and as a leader in the strengthening and betterment of agriculture in Wood County.
- Liberty through Law/Human Freedom One who supports the guarantee of due process as well as one who has confirmed the principle that liberty is an entitlement to all. (Current office holders are not eligible.)
- Self-Government One who has given exemplary service to the people through government. (Current office holders are not eligible.)
- Education for Civic Responsibility One whose work in and for our educational system has helped form responsible citizens.
- Religion & Liberty One who fosters religious liberty and recognizes his/her contribution to good government and whose activities give evidence that religion and religious liberty are beneficial to society.
- Industrial/Economic Development One who through the years has played a direct or indirect role in the community in fostering a business climate, whether through a leadership role or direct involvement in the establishment of a business or industry.
- Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship Award One who has in his/her own way epitomized the pioneer spirit of American citizenship and is a law abiding community builder who has a concern for his/her neighbor's welfare but whose activities often go unrecognized.

Nominator Contact Information:

Name _____
First Last

Address _____
Street City Zip County

Telephone _____
Home Other

Email _____