



*3rd Annual
Black Legends Hall of Fame
Silicon Valley*

Nomination Instructions

March 1, 2017

From: Black Legend Awards Silicon Valley Selection Committee
To: Nomination Submitter's
Subject: Nomination Instruction for 3rd Annual Black Legends Hall of Fame Ceremony

Thank You for your nomination for the Black Legends Hall of Fame.

The submission requirements for an individual to be nominated are as follows:

Nomination Period:

Start: Sunday, February 26, 2017 | End: Monday, July 31, 2017

Nomination Requirements are:

1. A nominee must be recommended' cannot be self-nominated.
2. Must meet the requirements outline in the nominated category, listed below.
3. Submit one nominee application per category.
4. Nominee can be living or deceased.
5. A current or past resident of the Silicon Valley (Santa Clara Valley)
6. The nomination application **must be** typed.
7. Must Not be longer than One Page document (575 – 625; word count – font 9)
8. Nomination's Acceptance Agreement must be signed by the nominee (If the nominee is deceased, must be completed & signed by the family member representing the nominee.)

Validation Period:

Start: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 | End: Thursday, August 31, 2017

All nominees, or the selected relative in case the nominee has passed will be contacted by the selection committee for acknowledgment and acceptance of the nomination to the Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley.

Legend's – Selection Day

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2017

The Current Legends of Black Legends Hall of Fame will review all completed and validated nomination applications submitted for the Class of 2018. The Legends will vote to select the finalist to be inducted into the Black Legends Hall of Fame. The results will be announced at the Nominee's Luncheon.

3rd Nominee's Luncheon

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2017.

The Announcement of Finalist for Black Legends Hall of Fame.

2nd Legend's Conference

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018.

All Legends, Family member of a deceased Legend and Finalist for the incoming Class of 2018 are invited to the conference.

3rd Black Legend Awards Ceremony

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018, Black History Month.

The finalist/awardee are inducted into the Black Legend Hall of Fame at ***Black Legend Awards Silicon Valley Ceremony.***

NOMINATION'S ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

From: Nominee - _____

Print First & Last Name of Nominee

To: Black Legend Awards Silicon Valley Selection Committee

Subject: Acceptance of Nomination to Black Legends Hall of Fame Silicon Valley

I have been nominated for the (Check One);

- Alexander-Green Award, News & Documentary
- Banks-Gage Award, Education
- Brown-Gross Award, Public Service
- Clay-Williams Award, Business & Entrepreneur
- Dean-Greene Award, S.T.E.M.
- English-Higgins Award, Health & Medicine
- Hardeman-Sweet Award, Law & Justice
- Harris-Washington Award, Spiritual
- Joyner-Stroughter Award, Community Service
- Piper-Whye Award, Art/Theatre/Music

I do hereby accept this nomination.

I agree to allow The Joyner/Payne Youth Services Agency, Inc. (dba "*The Black Legend Awards*"), as well as any committee member, to use the Photo, Video, Bio, and any other likeness for the sole purpose of informing the general public of the nomination.

I further agree to allow editing of the Bio, as long as the integrity and exactness are kept intact.

I acknowledge that I am currently a nominee. The finalist for induction into the Black Legends Hall of Fame will be announced at the Nominee's Luncheon on September 23, 2017. I further acknowledge that two (2) tickets will be provided for me to attend the Nominee's Luncheon.

All finalist will be invited to attend the Legend's Conference on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

I acknowledge that as a nominee I am invited to attend the Black Legend Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Hammer Theatre Center in Downtown San Jose.

NOTE: All nominees not selected as a finalist will automatically be consider as nominee for induction in the following selection year(s).

Signature of Nominee | Family Member

Date

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NOMINATION APPLICATION

Note 1: All information must be submitted in Microsoft Word

Note 2: Application, Photo and Nomination Acceptance Agreement must be received as a package

1. Submitter's Contact Information (Must be Provided)

- Name; (First MI Last)
- Street Address: | City | State:
- Phone Number: | Email Address:
- Relationship to nominee:

2. Nominee's Contact Information (If the nominee has passed, please provide contact information of the selected relative, whom would represent the nominee.)

- Name; (First MI Last)
- Street Address: | City | State:
- Phone Number: | Email Address:
- If Nominee is deceased, Relationship to nominee:

3. All 16 Questions must be completed (Bio | profile of Nominee) (One Page)

1. Name of the Nominee (First, MI, Last)
2. Name of the Award the nominee is being submitted for (one award per nomination)

Alexander-Green Award, News & Documentary	English-Higgins Award, Health & Medicine
Banks-Gage Award, Education	Hardeman-Sweet Award, Law & Justice
Brown-Gross Award, Public Service	Harris-Washington Award, Spiritual
Clay-Williams Award, Business & Entrepreneur	Joyner-Stroughter Award, Community Service
Dean-Greene Award, S.T.E.M.	Piper-Whye Award, Art/Theatre/Music

3. Sunrise (Date of Birth)
4. Sunset (Date of Passing) (if applicable)
5. Place of Birth (City, State)
6. Moved to the Silicon Valley (Month – Year)
7. Education - Degree's (Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral), Name of School, Date Received Degree (MM/YY) (if applicable)
8. Greek Membership: Name of Fraternity / Sorority (If Applicable)
9. Military Service (Branch of Services, Time Period served |MMYY- MMY), If Applicable
10. Profession(s) – Time Line
11. Career History -Brief, Time Line of career
12. Significant Accomplishment(s) in the Silicon Valley
13. Creativity - Started from nothing that grew into something greater
14. Best Known For
15. Philosophy of Life
16. Advice would provide to a student starting the journey of life today

4. **Professional Photo Required** – One (1) photo, 3x5 (300 dpi) color head shot
Photo will be used in Souvenir Booklet, Website, Facebook and during the program.

Send Nomination Application & Photo

Email to: info@blacklegendawards.org Add to Subject Line: BLA Selection Committee

Note 3: Nomination must be received by midnight Monday, July 31, 2017.

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Black Legends Hall of Fame Category & Requirements

Art/Theater/Music “Piper-Whye Award” – Awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves, had outstanding careers in the music, art and theater (TV and Movies) and used their influence to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had a distinguished career, and used their influence to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community.

Business & Entrepreneur “Clay-Williams Award” - Awarded to individuals who have been employed by Companies and corporations and created successful businesses and/or services in the community and used their success to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have been employed by companies and corporations, created successful businesses and/or services in the community, used success to enhance the lives of people in the Black Community

Community Service “Joyner-Stroughter Award” – Awarded to people and volunteers who created and volunteered for non-profit agencies that provided essential services to enhance the quality of life for Black people in the community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have served, volunteered and created non-profit agencies that provided essential services to enhance the quality of life for people in the Black Community.

Education “Banks-Gage Award” – Awarded to individuals who had outstanding careers as teachers, administrators and policy makers who made significant impact on the access and quality of education services to community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had an outstanding career as a teacher, administrator and policy maker who made significant impact on the access and quality of education services to the community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

Health & Medicine “English-Higgins Award” – Awarded to those Doctors, Nurses, And Health practitioners who provided healthcare to people in the broader community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had distinguished career as a Doctor, Nurse, and/or Health Practitioner who provided healthcare to people in the broader community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

Law & Justice “Hardeman-Sweet Award” – Awarded to those Lawyers, Judges and legal representatives who defended the law and the constitution and to enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have had distinguished career as a Lawyer, Judge and/or Legal Representative who defended the laws and the constitution in the community and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

Public Service “Brown-Gross Award” – Awarded to those public service employees who provide for the health and safety of the broader community and enhanced the quality of life of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have served as a public service employee who provide for the health and safety of the broader community and enhanced the quality of life of people in the Black Community

News & Documentary “Alexander-Green Award” – Awarded to those journalists, historians, photojournalists, documentarians, editors and community people who record local black community history & events, as well as, the broader community and world events. Those individuals who keep the community informed and document significant events that have enhanced the quality of life in the Black Community.

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in the Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have distinguished career as journalist, historian, photojournalist, documentarian, editor and/or community person whom recorded the local black community history & events, as well as, the broader community and world events. Kept the community informed and/or document significant events that have enhanced the quality of life in the Black Community.

Spiritual “Harris-Washington Award” – Awarded to those members of the Faith Based Communities who have led congregations, Mosques in prayer for peace and salvation and to enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in Silicon Valley;
- The Nominee must have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have distinguished as members of the Faith Based Community who have led congregations, Mosques in prayer for peace and salvation and to enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community

S.T.E.M. “Dean-Greene Award” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) – Awarded to those individuals who helped produce, enhance and improve today’s field of engineering and science and those who help create landmark changes in technology to enhance the improve the lives of the general public and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community.

- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the quality of life of Black People and the general population who live in Silicon Valley;
- The must Nominee have provided those contributions for a minimum period of 10 years;
- The Nominee must have produce, enhance and/or improved today’s field of engineering, and science and helped create landmark changes in technology to enhance the lives of the public and enhanced the lives of people in the Black Community.



BLACK LEGENDS HALL OF FAME

SILICON VALLEY

Class of 2015

Attorney Wester Sweet, Law & Justice
Attorney-Judge Maurice Hardeman, Law & Justice
Ben F. Gross, Public Service
Bill Williams, Business & Entrepreneur
Charles Alexander, News & Documentary
Dr. David Piper, Arts/Theater/Music
Dr. Frank Greene, Jr, S.T.E.M.
Dr. James B. Higgins, Health & Medicine
Dr. Lee P. Brown, Public Service
Dr. Leo V. English, Jr., Health & Medicine
Dr. Mark Dean., S.T.E.M.
Henry Gage, Sr., Education
Hewitt R. Joyner, Jr., Community Service
Loretta Green, News & Documentary
Reverend C.W. Washington, Spiritual
Robert Banks, III, Education
Robert J. Stroughter, Sr., Community Service
Roy L. Clay Sr., Business & Entrepreneur
Superintendent Sherman Harris, Spiritual
Viera Whye, Arts/Theater/Music

Note: There is no Class of 2016, Black Legend Awards was moved to Black History Month, 2017

Class of 2017

Aileen F. Casanave, Hardeman-Sweet Award, Law & Justice
Charles "Buddy" Butler, Piper-Whye Award, Arts/Theater/Music
Charles A. Jones, Clay-Williams Award, Business & Entrepreneur
David E. Early, Alexander-Green Award, News & Documentary
Debra I. Watkins, Dean-Greene Award, S.T.E.M.
Dr. D. Michael Cheers, Alexander-Green Award, News & Documentary
Dr. Ethel P. Walker, Piper-Whye Award, Arts/Theater/Music
Dr. Florene S. Poyadue, English-Higgins Award, Health & Medicine
Dr. TJ Owens, Banks-Gage Award, Education
Galvin D. Jackson, Brown-Gross Award, Public Service
Iola M. Williams, Brown-Gross Award, Public Service
Judge LaDoris H. Cordell, Hardeman-Sweet Award, Law & Justice
Queen Ann Cannon, Joyner-Stroughter Award, Community Service
Rev. Dr. Herman W. Hyatt, Sr., Harris-Washington Award, Spiritual
Rev. Dr. Sheila Robinson, Harris-Washington Award, Spiritual
Wilbur E. Jackson, Joyner-Stroughter Award, Community Service