



Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps – Hall of Fame Procedures

Hall of Fame Nomination Process

1. Only marching members (alumni or current), instructional staff members and staff/volunteers of the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps, who served with the organization for at least one complete season may submit a nomination form to the Blue Knights Hall of Fame Committee for consideration. All nominations will remain on file for 2 years from the last nomination and after that period, must be re-nominated. All nominees must be in good standing with their Ascend Performing Arts financial obligations.
2. Nominations will start being accepted by the Hall of Fame Committee on November 1st and all nominations must be submitted by **March 15th** of each year (see Nomination Form). Those who are nominating individuals for the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame shall inform their nominee of their nomination and are responsible for gathering information on their past achievements. Those nominating the individual are responsible for meeting the deadlines set up by the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame Committee.
3. The Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame will have a maximum of **12** inductees its first 2 years. All years thereafter will have a maximum of **8** inductees. The Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame Committee is not required to meet the maximum of inductees each year, but must meet a minimum of 1 inductee each year.
4. Once a person is inducted, his or her Hall of Fame membership is for life.
5. Each inductee will receive a personalized Hall of Fame plaque, and his or her name and picture will be on display at the Ascend Performing Arts office in a dedicated area with all other Hall of Fame inductees.
6. Each year's inductees will be announced at Drums Along the Rockies in Denver, CO and Corps Encore in Ogden, UT and will be given their plaques on the field before scores are announced. If the individual is posthumously inducted, a family member of the inductee can accept the award.
7. All inductees are invited to the Blue Knights History Knight held in Denver prior to the Send-Off Show and to the Drums Along the Rockies show in Denver. Hall of Fame members will receive a special "Hall of Fame" VIP credential badge for Drums Along the Rockies.

Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps – Criteria for Nominees

The creation of the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame will help preserve the memory of the incredible people who have made a substantial positive impact to the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps and who can serve as role models for present and future generations. The Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame will recognize outstanding marching members, educational staff, administrative staff, and volunteers that have contributed significantly to the organization.

The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps and has shown the following:

- Exemplified outstanding character while representing Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps as a marching member/educational staff/administrative staff/volunteer.
- Exemplifies outstanding character as a Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Alumni or patron.
- Must be in good standing on all Ascend Performing Arts membership dues.
- Is a positive role model that current and future marching members will want to emulate.

Criteria for nomination:

1. Former marching members who have excelled in the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps organization and have been removed 5 years from marching.
2. Be in good standing on all Ascend Performing Arts membership dues.
3. Educational/administrative staff members who have made outstanding contributions to Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps and are/were on staff for at least 3 years.
4. Volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps and completed at least 2 years of volunteer service.

Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps – Nomination Requirements

A person who writes either a letter of nomination or a letter of support for one candidate cannot write another letter of nomination or another letter of support for any other candidate in a single given year.

1. The selection committee shall accept one (1) letter of nomination, no more than two (2) single-sided pages in length or one (1) double-sided page.
2. The selection committee shall accept ONLY TWO (2) letters of support and each letter must also not be more than two (2) single-sided pages in length or one (1) double-sided page. No photos should be included. If the Hall of Fame Committee receives more than two (2) letters of support or letters of support longer than two (2) pages, the Chairperson reserves the right to return the letter or to choose among the letters that meet the requirements.

Letters of Nomination and Support

All nomination letters should be very specific about the accomplishments of the candidate. A list of bullet points or a numbered list of dates of service, accomplishments, etc., is an excellent format for the selection committee to examine and to read. All letters must contain contact information for the author of the letter, including name, mailing address, home or mobile telephone number, and email address. Please also include such information for the candidate as well. If the nomination is being proposed posthumously, kindly indicate.

Once again, there must be only one (1) letter of nomination and there must be only two letters of support. None of the letters is to be greater than two (2) single-sided or one double-sided page.

It is the responsibility of the author of the nomination letter to collect the letters of support and email all the information at the same time to Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame Committee at hof@ascendperformingarts.org

Letters of nomination and support may only be emailed to the Committee. No other forms of delivery will be accepted.

Nomination letters and supporting letters will start being accepted by the Hall of Fame Committee on **November 1st**, and all material must be delivered to the Committee in one email.

All nomination and supporting materials must be received by the Hall of Fame Committee no later than **11:59pm MST on March 15th**.

Hall of Fame Committee

Each class of inductees will be selected by the Hall of Fame Committee, which is made up of Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps alumni, former staff, and/or volunteers. The Hall of Fame Committee members were selected by current Ascend Performing Arts staff and Board of Directors members who represent 6 different decades of Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps history and have been active supporters of the organization.

Any questions regarding the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Hall of Fame or the nomination process should be addressed by the Hall of Fame Committee at hof@ascendperformingarts.org.