



Black Women of First Distinction Nominating Packet

Purpose

The Illinois Black Hall of Fame will recognize Black Women of First Distinction during its Juneteenth Gala Celebration. The selected women are recognized and honored for their First Distinction and represent Black Women role models worthy of emulation. The Illinois Black Hall of Fame is presented by the African-American Ladies' Legacy Foundation (AALLF).

The Mission of the African-American Ladies' Legacy Foundation is TAP

The Black Women of First Distinction aligns with the mission of the African-American Ladies' Legacy Foundation's (AALLF) Mission:

Teach about the Lives and Legacies of African American Women with First Distinctions

Appreciate the Contributions of their First Distinctions

Preserve their First Distinctions via an interactive, intuitive website: www.aallfoundation.com

Black Women of First Distinction

A Black Woman of First Distinction is a woman who has achieved a distinction of being a FIRST in her profession. The 2024 Black Women of First Distinction honored were: The Honorable Sheila Chalmers-Currin, the First Black Woman Mayor of Matteson, IL. We also honored (posthumously) Dr. Georgiana Simpson, the First Black Woman PHD, German philology in 1921 from the University of Chicago. The _____ selected Black Women of First Distinction will receive their honor during the Juneteenth Celebration of Black Achievers Gala.

Nomination Process

The Black Women of First Distinction will be showcased in the Illinois Black Hall of Fame Museum and the African-American Ladies' Legacy Foundation Website. Should your nominee be selected for this honor, you will be notified with an acceptance letter on _____ along with follow-up requirements.

Note: Nominations may be made posthumously.

NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS

The nominee for Black Women of First Distinction must have been a resident of Illinois for an unspecified period. Must be able to prove the validity of the First Distinction and the area in which the First Distinction was acquired. Must assist the Nominator by providing all requested information requested but not limited to the following:

- Must have met the criteria of having a First Distinction for a notable period
- Must have served as a positive role model for other aspiring women and girls
- Must sign and return Media Release Form
- Must provide a professional Image that can be used for promotional purposes due on or before _____
- Must provide Biographical Narrative substantiating your First Distinction noted on the Application Form due on or _____
- Must provide a Typewritten 200-word (more or less) inspirational message to girls that will inspire them to Dream Big Dreams due on or before _____
- Must provide a 3 to 5 Minute Introductory Video to include facts denoting the First Distinction achievements. Additionally, must provide a statement about the Significance of Juneteenth Celebrations, due on or before _____
- Must provide the Nominator with a guest list to attend the Juneteenth Gala by _____
- Must purchase a Camera-Ready Platinum Heritage Ad (\$1,500) to be included in the Souvenir Advertisement Book due _____
- Must purchase Black Women of First Distinction VIP Reception Package \$2,000 with \$1,000 deposit to accompany the application on or before _____
- Must assist the nominator in adhering to all timelines and requested item

NOMINATOR REQUIREMENTS

- Must agree to serve as the main point of contact on behalf of the Black Woman of First Distinction.
- Must be able to verify and document that the nominee is or has been a resident of the state of Illinois for a period during her First Distinction acquisition.
- Must be able to verify that the nominee has made a First Distinction at the local, regional, state, or national level.
- Must be able to validate the nominee's achievements that reflect enduring value over time, where she has been the initiator of first change.

- Must submit all nomination information according to requested dates and timelines
- Must nominate only one Black Woman of First Distinction per calendar year
- Must submit completed application with all accompanying requests on or before _____ Note: All incomplete applications and funds will be returned.

Nominee and Nominator Timelines

Nomination Period: _____ – _____ :

Submit the following documents:

- \$1,000 Balance due February 15, 2025
Check should be made payable to
African-American Ladies' Legacy Foundation
430 E. 162nd Street # 737 South Holland, IL 60473
- Professional Image for Congratulatory Souvenir Advertisement Book - _____
- 3 to 5 Minute Introductory Video depicting First Distinction of the Black Women of First Distinction and your views on the **Significance of Celebrating Juneteenth** - _____
- 250 Word Introductory Narrative of the Black Woman of First Distinction: _____
- Signed Media Video Photo Release Form - _____
- Guest List containing email address, cell phone number, and Juneteenth Tee Shirt Size _____
- Camera Ready Platinum Heritage \$1,500 Souvenir Congratulatory Advertisement - _____

Zoom Meeting with Black Women of First Distinction - TBD

Run of Show Practice - TBD

\$2,000 Black Women of First Distinction Packet Benefits

- 8 VIP Black Women of First Distinction Reception Tickets
- 8 Juneteenth Tee Shirt
- 1 Complimentary Page with Image in the Souvenir Congratulatory Ad Book
- 1 Black Women of First Distinction Group Picture
- 1 Black Women of First Distinction Award

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Nominator's Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to the Nominee: _____

NOMINEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Nominee Name: _____

First Distinction: _____

Year First Distinction Acquired: _____

Title: _____

Organization's Affiliation: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Black Women of First Distinction Biographical Narrative supporting your First Distinction (250-300 Typewritten Words). Please include complete citations, sources of biographical information used to write the narrative (reference books, periodicals, website, Facebook, etc.). Documents may be emailed as .jpeg along with other accompanying documents to info@aallfoundation.com on or before December 16, 2024.

Inspirational Message from the Black Woman of First Distinction

Prepare an *Inspirational Message* (200 or more typewritten words) to young women and girls inspiring them to Dream Big Dreams.

MEDIA - PHOTO / VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I hereby give my consent to the Illinois Black Hall of Fame Advisory Council via the African-American Ladies' Legacy Foundation to place my photograph/media/ Inspirational story on the Illinois Black Hall of Fame and the AALL Foundation website, Newsletter, and other Social Media platforms as a means of showcasing and promoting your induction into the Illinois Black Hall of Fame. I hereby release to the African- American Ladies' Legacy Foundation and his/her legal representatives from all claims whatsoever in connection with the use, reproduction, publication of the image, media, and other publications thereof.

Please print name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Electronic Signature accepted

Please sign and email the permission form to: info@aallfoundation.com

CHECKLIST RETURN FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION

- Nominator's Contact Information
- Nominee's Contact Information
- Nominee's Requirements
- Biographical Information and Professional JPEG Image
- Source of Biographical Information
- Media Photo/Video Release Form
- 250 Word Introductory Video
- 3 to 5 Minute Introductory Video
- Enclosed Check \$1,000 for ½ of Black Women of First Distinction Participation Packet
- Checklist Return Form

Incomplete applications will not be considered. You will be notified of your acceptance by January 17, 2025. Your acceptance letter will provide you with the follow-up information needed by the AALL Foundation on behalf of your honoree. Please email all requested information to info@aallfoundation.com. Checks may be mailed to the African- American Ladies' Legacy Foundation Good Luck on your Nomination.