



2026 INDUCTEE NOMINATION PROCESS

About the Texas Business Hall of Fame

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation was created in 1982 by a small group of Texans to focus awareness on the positive achievements made by outstanding business leaders in our state and honor their contributions in both business and community. For a list of Past Honorees or more information, please visit the [Hall of Fame](#) webpage.

About the Legend Nomination and Selection Process

Eligibility Criteria:

- Primary residence in the state of Texas
- Founded a business or businesses with transformational economic impact
- Strong record of philanthropic giving
- Strong record of civic engagement

Anyone can nominate an individual for the Texas Business Hall of Fame. Nominations are reviewed by the Hall of Fame's Award Committee that selects finalists for the ballot. Scoring criteria for that selection include:

- **Economic impact** of company (local, state, national and global)
- **Innovation** in business (how the individual has been a trailblazer in their company and industry)
- **Philanthropic giving** (strong evidence of support for a variety of causes and institutions)
- **Civic engagement** (community leadership, state leadership roles, engagement with institutions of learning, etc.)
- **Nominating source** (individuals nominated by a TBHF Director or Hall of Fame member receive an additional half point in our scoring process)
- **Business engagement** (strong evidence of engagement in mentoring activities or activities to help enrich their industry)

Peer selection and engagement in our selection process distinguishes this honor. The majority of Hall of Fame members vote on an internal ballot that determines the organization's inductees each year.

2025 Legend nominations are due **Monday, December 15, 2025**. Please email the following information to nominations@texasbusiness.org:

- Name of nominee
- Business(es) they founded
- Primary city of residence

The TBHF conducts independent research on all nominees. If they require additional information, they will contact the nominator directly. Please be sure to include your (nominator's) contact information.

Important Notes:

- Giving history to the Texas Business Hall of Fame has no impact on our selection process (only philanthropy to other organizations).
- Recipients do not need to be born in Texas, but they must maintain a primary residence in Texas and have founded a business(es) that operates in Texas.
- One cannot nominate oneself for this award and nominations by public relations firms on behalf of an individual are strongly discouraged.
- An individual nominated who has a professional or close personal relationship with a TBHF Director will be considered, but that Director and/or group of Directors cannot participate in the ballot selection process.

Please contact Meredith Walker directly at mwalker@texasbusiness.org if you have additional questions about the nomination and selection process.