



AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please complete the form below electronically and email to awards@mhsaa.com by November 1 for the current selection year for all awards.

Please check one or more boxes for the award(s) you are nominating the individual for:

- Allen W. Bush Meritorious Service Award
- Charles E. Forsythe Lifetime Achievement Award
- Nate Hampton Champion of Progress in Athletics Award
- Vern L. Norris Leadership in Officiating Award
- Women in Sports Leadership Award

* You can find qualifications for each award below on page 3.

1. CANDIDATE:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

OFFICIALS ONLY:

Association: _____

Years Registered: _____ Sports: _____

2. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Present Position: _____

Employer: _____

Length of Employment: _____ Location: _____

3. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

4. **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION:**

5. **HONORS and AWARDS:**

6. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

7. **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS and CONTRIBUTIONS (including service to MHSAA):**

NOMINATOR: _____

Nominator Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

(Additional letters of recommendation may be attached to application form.)

Complete and return the awards nomination form and any letters of recommendation to awards@mhsaa.com by November 1 for the current selection year.

Allen W. Bush Meritorious Service Award

- This award recognizes individuals who have a history of frequent and significant contributions to the MHSAA and member schools, named after the second full-time Executive Director of the MHSAA, Allen W. Bush.
- Qualifications include at least 10 years of service as an administrator, coach, official, athletic trainer, doctor, or member of the media.
- Nominated individuals have gone "above and beyond" in service to school sports, either locally, regionally, or statewide. They have a history of significant contributions that are unique and special to the communities and constituencies that they have served.

Charles E. Forsythe Lifetime Achievement Award

- This award is the MHSAA's highest honor, named after the first full-time Executive Director of the MHSAA, Charles E. Forsythe.
- Qualifications include at least 20 years of service to an MHSAA member school as an administrator, coach, official or lifetime contributor who has a record of outstanding and distinguished service to school sports in Michigan.
- This award should be considered a "professional lifetime achievement award" and candidates must be either currently employed or retired from an MHSAA member school district or other connected positions (e.g. league or conference staff member).
- Nominated individuals have created a true legacy of leadership in school sports in Michigan at the local, regional, or statewide levels.

Nate Hampton Champion of Progress in Athletics Award

- This award recognizes individuals who have championed vision, inspiration, leadership, and impact by exemplifying the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion, named after longtime MHSAA Assistant Director Nate Hampton.
- Qualifications include currently serving or has served as an administrator, coach, official, educator or school sports leader in Michigan.
- This award recognizes individuals who have made major contributions in the promotion and advancement of opportunities for women, minorities, and other underrepresented groups within interscholastic athletics.
- Nominated individuals should have a record of leadership with students, faculty and communities concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion issues and with the development and/or promotion of solutions to address those challenges.

Vern L. Norris Leadership in Officiating Award

- This award recognizes individuals who have been leaders in the area of officiating, named after the third full-time Executive Director of the MHSAA, Vern L. Norris.
- Qualifications include at least 20 years of service as an MHSAA registered official who has a record of outstanding and distinguished service in the development, recruitment, retention, mentoring, training and leadership of officials.
- This award should not be considered an "official of the year" award but rather recognizes individuals who have been leaders in officiating, often creating opportunities for others while always recruiting, training and mentoring.
- Nominated individuals have been active participants in local officials associations during their career.

Women In Sports Leadership Award

- This award recognizes individuals who have championed opportunities and experiences for women in sports.
- Qualifications include currently serving or has served as an administrator, coach, official, educator or school sports leader in Michigan.
- This award recognizes individuals who have made major contributions in encouraging and elevating women for positions in leadership as athletic administrators, coaches, officials or other staff positions.
- Nominated individuals should have a record of leadership with students, faculty and communities concerning women's sports issues and with the development and/or promotion of solutions to address those challenges.