



## Columbus Blues Alliance Hall of Fame

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1. Purpose: To recognize an individual, group of individuals, or business, who has a successful body of work in the blues music industry touching the Central Ohio Blues Community.

2. Authorization: The Board of Trustees of the Columbus Blues Alliance is authorized to hold an election every year for the purpose of inducting members into the Columbus Blues Alliance Hall of Fame.

The Executive Committee members and Board of Trustees of the Columbus Blues Alliance reserves the right to revoke, alter or amend these rules at any time.

3. Electors: Only the current Executive Committee members and Board of Trustees shall be eligible to vote.

4. Any member of the CBA in good standing can submit nominations to the Columbus Blues Alliance Board of Trustees consisting of the CBA Vice President, the 1<sup>st</sup> Past President, and the four current Trustees Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will act as the Submission Committee.

Notification of the open nomination period will be posted on the CBA website, the weekly Blues Bytes e-zine, and all social media utilized by the Columbus Blues Alliance. Notification will include the criteria for induction. Nominations shall include the name of the candidate and a summary of why that person should be inducted in the CBA Hall of Fame.

5. Eligible Candidates: Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- A. A candidate must have a body of work primarily in the blues music industry, including artists, songwriters, promoters, producers, leadership, educators, media, or other related work
- B. The candidate must have been involved in the music industry with the majority of the body of work related to the blues music industry for a minimum of 20 years, or have been deceased for 3 years or more.

6. Eligible Candidates: Other considerations include the following:

- A. The candidate's years of service to the Central Ohio Blues Music and the community in general will be considered.



B. Previous awards and nominations e.g., IBC, KBA, BMA, Grammy, Jus' Blues, Blues Hall of Fame, Founders' Golden Harmonica Award will be considered.

7. Submission Period: Nominations shall be submitted to the Submission Committee during the first quarter of the calendar year for screening. A special meeting called for this purpose with a quorum of four will then create that year's list of candidates which must have at least 75% of the approval of the quorum.

8. Method of Election: The successful candidate(s) in meeting the 75% Trustee vote will be presented in a special meeting to the Executive Committee for a vote during the second quarter of the year. The Executive Committee, with a quorum of four will vote for no more than three eligible candidates deemed eligible for induction. Write-in votes are not permitted. Any candidate receiving votes on seventy-five percent (75%) of the ballots cast shall be inducted into the Columbus Blues Hall of Fame.

9. Certification of Election Results: The Inductee to the Columbus Blues Alliance Hall of Fame shall be notified and awarded by two representatives of the Columbus Blues Alliance one of which shall be an officer.

10. The Inaugural year, 2019, will not be restricted by the candidate limits stipulated in section 8.

11. Any candidate previously inducted into the CBA Hall of Fame or equivalent honor will be grandfathered in.