



HALF MILE OF HISTORY

Honoring Historical Achievements in Tyler and Smith County, Texas

Background

The Half Mile of History is a cultural and historic landmark program paying tribute to people, places and events that have contributed to the City of Tyler and/or Smith County. The Half Mile of History will tell the story of the rich history of Tyler and Smith County to present-day and future citizens.

Description

The Half Mile of History is a permanent, outdoor walk-around loop that covers an approximate one-half-mile stretch of sidewalk surrounding the square in the heart of downtown Tyler.

People, places and events chosen for the Half Mile of History will be honored with a commemorative plaque placed in the sidewalk within the designated area. Those selected for inclusion and placement of the plaques will be at the sole discretion of the City of Tyler with recommendation by the City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board.

Selection Criteria and Process

Nominations must involve outstanding contributions to the City of Tyler or Smith County. Possible areas to be considered are (but not limited to):

Agriculture	Entertainment/Media	Philanthropy
Architecture	Government/Military	Religion
Arts and Culture	Industry	Science
Aviation	Invention/Innovation	Sports
Business/Corporate Leadership	Law	Transportation
Community Service	Medicine	Other
Education	Oil/Gas	

The major contribution(s) must have been made no fewer than 25 years ago and individuals must have been deceased at least 10 years. The Historical Preservation Board may waive age requirements for topics of overwhelming local, state or national importance, although exceptions are rarely granted and the burden of proof for all claims and documentation is the responsibility of the narrative author.

Nominated individuals must be deceased and from Smith County or individuals who have spent a significant amount of time in Smith County.

Tyler City Code Section 10-772. The City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board will make final selections based on how the nominee's contributions have an enduring impact on the community, county, region, the nation and/or the world. The Board's decision may be appealed to the City Council.

Nominations for inclusion in the Half Mile of History will be considered at the end of each quarter of the calendar year. Submissions must be made on or before the last business day of the quarter in order to be considered for inclusion in that quarter's nomination evaluation process.

The Historical Preservation Board will consider the information contained within this application and the two additional pages. Additional materials will be used solely to assist in verifying the nomination of those selected for the Half Mile of History. Sources of any claims or statements should be included to facilitate the evaluation by the Board.

Induction ceremonies will be held at a time and date to be announced by the Historical Preservation Board.

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**NOMINATION FORM
HALF MILE OF HISTORY**

Section A: Nomination Information

Name of Nominated person, place or event: _____

The nominee is being honored for outstanding contributions in the area(s) of (please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention/Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil/Gas	

Section B: Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Daytime telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Relationship to nominated individual: _____

Nominated Individual's year of birth: _____ **Nominated Individual's year of death:** _____

Section C: Narrative

The narrative section of the application is the most important. It is the primary source of information judges use to make their selection of new inductees. The two-page narrative submittal must utilize size 12 Times New Roman font and be double spaced. Please include a recommended 25-30 word marker caption at the end of the narrative. Any additional material will be referred to only for verification of accuracy of the nomination. No submitted materials will be returned.

The narrative section must contain an explanation of the nominee's enduring contribution that make this person/place/event worthy of the honor. Please describe the impact the nominee has had on the community, county, region, nation and/or world. For Individuals, please include any honors earned by the nominee as well as a list of organizations in which the nominee has been involved. Also, please indicate their educational background as well as the length of time the individual has lived in Smith County. Inclusion of photos is preferred but optional. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

Please submit nominations to:
City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board
Attention: Half Mile of History
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710