



## KIRKLAND PLAZA OF CHAMPIONS Nomination Guide

### CRITERIA AND ELEMENTS

An applicant for recognition should satisfy the listed minimum number of the elements from each of the three (3) criteria listed below. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirement listed in Criterion I, must meet at least two (2) of the elements from Criterion II, and must meet at least one (1) of the elements from Criterion III.

In addition, the applicant must also furnish a history of achievements. These achievements must have occurred at least one calendar year prior to submission of the application. The honor cannot be conferred unless the history is provided.

Applicants will be reviewed by the Kirkland Park Board, whose decision will be final.

### CRITERION I

#### LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL, OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

The following basic eligibility requirement must be met before a nominee can be considered for possible induction.

#### ELEMENTS:

##### 1.1 Level of Achievement

The level of achievement by the individual or team must be explicitly stated and should be the highest possible level of achievement in fields such as science, education, athletics, the arts (music, drama, literary, fine arts, etc), medicine, debate, etc.

The Plaza of Champions is not intended to recognize **lifelong or enduring** achievement in a particular field unless the applicant has previously received an award for such lifelong achievement.

This basic achievement element also provides the opportunity for nomination of first-time achievements (examples: first Kirkland resident to swim the English Channel, first Kirkland individual or group to participate in a national competition, etc.).

If it is not possible to identify the highest possible level of achievement, the applicant must provide a detailed explanation as to why the achievement is considered to be exceptional.

### CRITERION II

#### IDENTITY WITH GREATER KIRKLAND

Applicant must consider Kirkland to be his/her home or identify with Kirkland in such a way that the Kirkland community recognizes the applicant as a "Kirklander."

At least two (2) of the following elements must be met before a nominee can be considered for possible induction.

**ELEMENTS:**

**2.1 Born in the Kirkland area.**

This means that the parent(s) were residing in Kirkland at the time of the candidate's birth.

**2.2 Currently resides in Great Kirkland area.**

Applicant currently has a Kirkland address. Applicant must live at this address at least six months of the year.

**2.3 Lived in Greater Kirkland area for at least ten years or longer and consider Kirkland their home town.**

**2.4 Has improved the quality of life in Greater Kirkland.**

**2.5 Worked (or has worked) within the community or owns a business in Greater Kirkland area.**

The applicant is a past or present Kirkland area business owner or worker who has contributed in a special way to the community.

**2.6 None of the above.**

An applicant may still be considered even if the preceding elements do not apply. Substantial documentation, however, will be required in this instance so as to demonstrate the applicant's identity with Greater Kirkland.

**CRITERION III**

**SIGNIFICANCE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

The applicant must fully explain the significance of the achievement. It must be further specified if the achievement is the result of an individual or team effort. No individual members of a team will be recognized. The team members, however, may be recognized by name.

At least one (1) of the following elements must be met before a nominee can be considered for possible induction.

**ELEMENTS:**

**3.1 Recognition of the achievement by the Kirkland community.**

Applicant must submit a statement which explains how the community has been affected by the achievement as well as the manner in which the community was informed (e.g.,

press coverage received subsequent to achievement – include press clippings and any other examples of media coverage).

**3.2 Peers recognize this achievement as outstanding.**

Persons in the same field must recognize the achievement as outstanding and worthy of recognition. A statement of endorsement for the applicant from leaders in the applicant's field is expected. The peer group may include a person, or persons, residing outside the Kirkland area.

**3.3 Played a key role in a group effort which without this individual's achievement would not have taken place.**

The candidate formed an organization or group and was instrumental in making it operational. The group or organization benefited the community in a demonstrable way.

**3.4 The achievement has improved the quality of life for a large segment of Greater Kirkland area residents.**

For example, the achievement may have resulted in increased educational or recreational opportunities for area residents.

**HISTORY REQUIREMENT**

The history and description of the achievements must be in narrative form and in sufficient detail to completely support the conferring of this award. The person or persons writing the history must provide sufficient in-depth history to enable future readers to completely appreciate the significance of the applicant's contribution. Include, if possible, documents, press clippings, photos, or other examples of media coverage related to the achievement.

If the history is written by anyone other than the applicant, it must be read and signed by the applicant (when possible) and thus documented as a true and accurate account. If the award is conferred, the history will be placed in the Kirkland Library to serve as a reference and permanent record of the achievement.