

MOUNTAINS OF HOPE – ‘ORDER OF THE BELL’ AWARD

The Order of the Bell is derived using the concept of the Bell X-1 aircraft, which Chuck Yeager flew when he broke the sound barrier. The recipients of this award are breaking barriers to public health, as well as, the bell is an alarm, “a call to action.”

GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE MOUNTAINS OF HOPE – ORDER OF THE BELL AWARD

To recognize individuals who

- (1) are breaking barriers to public health as it relates to Cancer;
- (2) proven through action the integration among the other areas of Chronic Disease; and
- (3) helped make this nation great by outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, or improvement of the Cancer Continuum – Prevention/Early Detection, Treatment, and End-of-life.

STANDARDS

- (1) RECIPIENTS MUST HAVE MADE their major contributions in West Virginia and should have had a long tenure association as a partner with Mountains of Hope. Those contributions which are considered “direct” are of greater importance than those that are “indirect”.
- (2) INDUCTION into the Order of the Bell should be viewed as the ultimate in recognition.
- (3) THE QUALITY OF EACH NOMINEE presented to the Mountains of Hope Steering Committee should reflect dignity and prestige to the organization. **(It is most important that this honor maintain high standards and does not become a vehicle of favoritism.)**
- (4) THE NUMBER OF AWARDS for any one year shall be one and based on merit, which means the nominee has demonstrated high standards in accomplishments and merit.
- (5) LETTERS DOCUMENTING AND DEMONSTRATING significant information to the nominee’s accomplishment are to be encouraged. However, general letters merely in support of the nomination are to be discouraged.
- (6) IF THE NOMINEE IS SELECTED for recognition, a color photograph suitable for enlargement will be needed. Do not send photo with the nomination.
- (7) NOMINATIONS** may be made by any individual or organization in West Virginia by completing a nomination form and returning it to the Mountains of Hope Steering Committee Awards and Recognition Chairperson. **(Exception to who may nominate: No member of the Mountains of Hope Steering Committee may place a person in nomination.)**
- (8) ALL NOMINATIONS FOR ANY GIVEN YEAR must be in the hand of the Mountains of Hope Steering Committee within 90 days of the November Mountains of Hope coalition meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees for induction into the Mountains of Hope Order of the Bell should meet the following criteria:

- (1) Nominations may not be made by anyone on the Mountains of Hope Steering Committee.
- (2) The nominee may have been employed by a government agency or may have achieved his/her accomplishments individually or within the realm of the private sector.
- (3) The nominee will not be required to be a native of West Virginia. However, a minimum of 5 years of activity in Cancer-Related Public Health in West Virginia would be required. (The 5 year minimum may be waived by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Steering Committee.)
- (4) The term "Public Health" shall apply to all phases of cancer/chronic disease integration activities. (These activities and achievements may have been performed in government, industry, the private sector, or individually.)
- (5) The Steering Committee shall convene a meeting for the purpose of reviewing nominations and selecting an inductee for the Order of the Bell.
- (6) The nominations for inductee must be submitted 90 days prior to the November Mountains of Hope coalition meeting. Nominees received after the annual closing date may be retained by the Steering Committee for consideration for the following year.
- (7) A nominee who is not inducted into the Order of the Bell may be resubmitted for consideration in the future.

REVIEW BOARD

The Review Board shall be composed of all voting members of the Mountains of Hope Steering Committee.

VOTING

- (1) All voting of the Steering Committee for induction into the Order of the Bell shall be by ballot.
- (2) The nominee will require a simple majority vote of attendees to be inducted.
- (3) A member of the Steering Committee shall be present at the meeting or by teleconference at the time of voting to cast a vote
- (4) There shall be no voting by proxy.