

 **Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay**

***Torchbearer Program***

**Overview**

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay was created to honor Hoosiers who have demonstrated exceptional public service, achievement, acts of heroism and/or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region or state. Torchbearers will be Hoosiers, representing all walks of life. More than 1,800 torchbearers will be selected to carry the torch. A juried nomination process will be employed in each county to select torchbearers. Torchbearers will carry the torch in their county of nomination.

**Torchbearer Nomination Criteria (ALL the following criteria must be met):**

1. Nominee must be a current or former resident of the COUNTY in Indiana in which they are being nominated.

2. Nominee can be of any age to participate as a Torchbearer. Those nominees selected as Torchbearers under the age of 14 will be subject to specific rules and requirements for youth.

3. Nominee must possess the physical adaptive ability to carry the torch a minimum of .25 miles or engage the assistance of another person or mounting bracket.

4. Nominee, if selected, is required to complete a Torchbearer Waiver Form. If nominee is under 18, a parent/ guardian signature will be required to complete the Torchbearer Waiver Form.

5. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. A substitute Torchbearer can be submitted to carry on behalf of the nominee.

6. Nominee may be subject to criminal background check.

**One of the two following criteria must be met:**

1. They will have achieved personal and/or professional excellence or celebrity status OR

2. Torchbearers will have made an outstanding contribution to their neighborhood, community, region or state through service, stewardship, and/or involvement.

**Nominator Criteria**

1. There are no restrictions on the number of nominations any one person is permitted to submit.

2. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

3. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.

4. Nominators must submit a completed form. Partial or incomplete forms will not be accepted.

**Methods of Nomination**

***Email***

1. Complete form, save and email back as an attachment to request@crawfordsville.org

or

***Print***

1. Printed nomination forms may be completed and submitted to the following drop-off locations:

Montgomery County Community Foundation, 119 East Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933; Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 South Washington Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933; Waveland/Brown Township Public Library, 115 East Green Street, Waveland, IN 47989;

Linden Carnegie Public Library, 102 South Main Street, Linden, IN 47955;

Ladoga/Clark Township Public Library, 128 East Main Street, Ladoga, IN 47954;

Darlington Public Library, 203 West Main Street, Darlington, IN 47940.

*The Torch Relay is a Signature Project of the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial Commission*

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Nominator Information**

First Name Last Name

Address City State

Zip Code Phone #

Email

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**Torchbearer Nominee Information**

First Name Last Name

Age Range: [ ] 10 to 18 [ ] 26 to 35 [ ] 46 to 55 [ ] 66 to 75 Gender

 [ ] 19 to 25 [ ] 36 to 45 [ ] 56 to 65 [ ] 75+

Address City State

Zip Code County of Nomination

Years of Residence Phone #

Email

 Posthumous Nomination YES [ ] NO [ ]

Current Resident of County YES [ ] NO [ ]

If yes, please include the name of the substitute person that will carry the torch on behalf of the Nominee above.

Name of Substitute Torchbearer 

Relationship to Torchbearer 

Nomination Statement *(Not to exceed 250 words)*

*Include details of service and contribution to the county and or state, acts of heroism or valor, historical value/implications, etc.*

*If the space provided is insufficient, please attach additional paper to the nomination form.*

*Deadline for submission of Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay Torchbearer Nomination form – December 31, 2015*