

TURNER CENTER for ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Turner Center Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame Application

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Have founded, co-founded, acquired, or significantly scaled a business enterprise.
 - Have a substantial connection to Central Illinois defined as the counties of:
 - Fulton
 - Marshall
 - Mason
 - Peoria
 - Stark
 - Tazewell
 - Woodford.
 - Demonstrate a minimum of 10 years of entrepreneurial leadership (recommended).
 - Operate with a record of ethical business conduct.
 - Be willing to provide supporting documentation and references.
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Section 1: Nominee Information

1. Full Name _____
2. Preferred Name _____
3. Company/Organization Name _____
4. Title/Position _____
5. Business Address _____
6. Email Address _____
7. Phone Number _____
8. County of Residence _____
9. County Where Business Operates _____
10. Website _____
11. LinkedIn Profile _____

Section 2: Entrepreneurial Achievements

1. Describe your entrepreneurial journey.

(500 words maximum)

Include:

- Inspiration for starting your venture
- Key milestones
- Major challenges overcome
- Lessons learned

2. How many businesses, ventures, or organizations have you founded, co-founded, or acquired?

3. Briefly summarize each venture and your role.

Section 3: Business Success & Growth

4. Describe your most significant entrepreneurial accomplishments including businesses you have started, purchased, or grown. Provide a short history of those entrepreneurial journeys.

(500 words maximum)

5. Please provide data demonstrating business growth, where available:

(This information is optional. Please share if you wish. Details will remain confidential.)

- Years in operation _____
- Number of employees (current) _____
- Number of employees at peak _____
- Annual revenue range _____
- Geographic markets served _____
- Number of locations _____
- Capital raised (if applicable) _____
- Exits, acquisitions, or major liquidity events _____

6. Describe innovations introduced through your business.

(300 words maximum)

7. What competitive or industry challenges did your company overcome?

(300 words maximum)

Section 4: Economic Impact

9. Estimate the total number of jobs your ventures have created over time.

10. Describe any other measurable economic benefits generated for the region.

(500 words maximum)

Section 5: Community Impact & Leadership

11. Describe your involvement in community service, philanthropy, or civic leadership.

(500 words maximum)

12. Have you served on any nonprofit, educational, or community boards?

13. Describe any efforts you have made to mentor entrepreneurs, students, or emerging business leaders.

(300 words maximum)

14. Please comment on why you chose Central Illinois to start your business?

(300 words maximum)

Section 6: Character & Values

15. Describe the leadership principles that guide your work.

(300 words maximum)

16. How do you foster ethical business practices within your organization?

(300 words maximum)

Section 7: Regional Legacy

18. In what ways have you changed or influenced your industry, community, or region?

(500 words maximum)

19. What do you believe is your most enduring contribution?

(300 words maximum)

20. Why should you be considered for the Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame?

(500 words maximum)

Section 8: References

Provide three references:

Reference #1

- Name _____
- Organization _____
- Relationship _____
- Email _____
- Phone _____

Reference #2

- Name _____
- Organization _____
- Relationship _____
- Email _____
- Phone _____

Reference #3

- Name _____
- Organization _____
- Relationship _____
- Email _____
- Phone _____