



# 2021 AEDCE Awards Nomination Packet

**Nomination deadline is Friday, July 9, 2021**

Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives provides awards in four categories. Please select the category for which you are making a nomination (if you are submitting more than one nomination, please complete a form for each nominee).

Volunteer of the Year  
Outstanding Economic Developer  
Outstanding Chamber Executive  
Maria Haley Lifetime Leadership for Economic Development

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#### **Information Regarding the Nominee:**

Nominee Name:

Title:

Professional Business Affiliation:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone: Email:

Number of Years Nominee has been in the chamber/economic development profession and/or worked with chamber/economic development programs:

Is the nominee a member of Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives?

YES  years of membership      NO

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#### **Information Regarding the AEDCE Member Making the Nomination:**

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone: Email:

# **AEDCE Annual Awards Criteria and Eligibility Requirements**

## **➤ Volunteer of the Year**

AEDCE considers anyone who is not employed as a full-time economic developer as an eligible nominee for the Volunteer of the Year award. Nominees should have played a significant role in the economic development efforts of a community.

- Nominations must be accompanied by a profile that addresses the above criteria not to exceed three (3) pages, double-spaced.
- The award will be based on merit and may be given to more than one recipient per year.
- This award is not to be construed as an annual award, but is reserved as an award of honor and respect for true dedication and achievement.

## **➤ Outstanding Economic Developer**

This award recognizes the economic development professional who has attained outstanding achievement in the economic development profession as demonstrated by significant achievements in his/her community, region, and state over the course of his/her career to include the number of jobs created, capital investment, professionalism, training and education, service to AEDCE and other professional organizations, service to economic development colleagues, and a desire to advance the economic development profession.

- Nominations must be accompanied by a narrative that addressed the above criteria not to exceed five (5) pages, double-spaced.
- Nominee must have been in the economic development profession for no less than five (5) years as a paid professional.
- Nominee must be a member of Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives for the previous five (5) years to qualify for nomination.
- Letters of endorsement must accompany nominations from two members of Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives (AEDCE) other than the AEDCE member submitting the nomination.
- The award will be based on merit and may only be given to one recipient per year.
- This award is not to be construed as an annual award, but is reserved as an award of honor and respect for true dedication and achievement to the economic development profession.

## **➤ Outstanding Chamber Executive**

This award recognizes the chamber of commerce professional who has attained outstanding achievement in the chamber of commerce profession as demonstrated by significant achievements in his/her community, region, and state over the course of his/her career to include professionalism, experience, training and education, service to AEDCE and other professional organizations, service to chamber colleagues, and a desire to advance the chamber of commerce profession.

- Nominations must be accompanied by a narrative that addresses the above criteria not to exceed five (5) pages, double-spaced.
- Nominee must have been in the chamber of commerce profession for no less than five (5) years as a paid professional.
- Nominee must be a member of Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives for the previous five (5) years to qualify for nomination.
- Letters of endorsement must accompany nominations from two members of Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives (AEDCE) other than the AEDCE member submitting the nomination.
- The award will be based on merit and may only be given to one recipient per year.
- This award is not to be construed as an annual award, but is reserved as an award of honor and respect for true dedication and achievement to the chamber of commerce profession

## ➤ **Maria Haley Lifetime Leadership Award for Economic Development**

This award recognizes a volunteer or paid economic development practitioner that is considered to be a premier leader in the field. Recipients are well-regarded and acknowledged for their long-standing commitment to the economic development profession.

- Nominee must have played a key leadership role for at least fifteen (15) years in economic development.
- Nominee must have demonstrated sustained and effective efforts through a leadership role in the development of programs and projects that enhanced the economic development of the community, region, and state.
- Nominee must be deeply committed as a leader and advocate for economic development within his/her community, region, and state.
- Nominations must be accompanied by a profile that addresses the above criteria not to exceed five (5) pages, double-spaced.
- Letters of endorsement must accompany nominations from at least two members of Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives (AEDCE).
- Posthumous awards will be considered if the application is within two years of the nominees passing.
- The award will be based on merit and may be given to more than one recipient per year.
- This award is not to be construed as an annual award, but is reserved as an award of honor and respect for true lifetime dedication and achievement.

**Nomination Deadline for all awards is: JULY 9, 2021**

Nominations may be submitted via mail or email:

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For any questions concerning the awards program or criteria, please contact Shelley Short at 501.210.4206. Thank you!