

**Beresford School District  
“Watchdog Hall of Fame”  
Constitution and By-Laws**

*Adopted by the Watchdog Education Foundation Board of Directors on December 14, 2016*

**ARTICLE I—Purpose**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Beresford School District’s Watchdog Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor the accomplishments and outstanding character of individuals in the areas of Academics/Achievement, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Distinguished Service for their outstanding contributions and dedication to the Beresford School District and/or for demonstrating how their accomplishments within society positively reflects upon the educational quality and stature of Beresford Schools.

**ARTICLE II—Organization**

**ORGANIZATION:** The Watchdog Hall of Fame organization will be directed by the Steering Committee made up of the superintendent or his/her designee, middle school/high school principal, elementary school principal, activities director, president of the Watchdog Education Foundation, and members from the general public.

**(1) The Sub-Committee for the Hall of Fame organizational system will be as follows:**

- a. Academics/Achievement Committee.
- b. Fine Arts Committee.
- c. Athletics Committee.
- d. Distinguished Service Committee.

**(2) Each of the Sub-Committees will be responsible to the Steering Committee and will be chaired by the following individuals:**

- a. Academics/Achievement Committee—Beresford Middle School/High School Principal.
- b. Fine Arts Committee—Beresford Elementary School Principal.
- c. Athletics Committee—Beresford School District Activities Director.
- d. Distinguished Service Committee—Beresford School District Superintendent.

**(3) Membership of each of the Sub-Committees will be as follows:**

- a. Academics/Achievement Committee—BMS/HS Principal, Watchdog Education Foundation Board member, two BSD teachers, and two members of the general public.
- b. Fine Arts Committee—BES Principal, Watchdog Education Foundation Board member, two BSD Fine Arts directors, and two members from the Beresford Area Arts Council.
- c. Athletics Committee—BSD Activities Director, Beresford Athletic Booster Club president, Watchdog Education Foundation Board member, two BHS head coaches, and one member of the general public.

- d. Distinguished Service Committee—BSD Superintendent, BMS/HS Principal, BES Principal, BSD Activities Director, Watchdog Education Foundation President, and one member of the general public.

**ARTICLE III—Committees**

**Committee Duties: The duties of each of the committees in the Hall of Fame organization will be as follows:**

**(1) Steering Committee will/shall:**

- a. Provide leadership and direction to the Sub-Committees.
- b. Be the media committee for informing the public of events.
- c. Be the finance committee for soliciting funds.
- d. Be the banquet committee for selecting the date, time and location of the awards ceremony.
- e. Be the awards committee for selecting and securing awards for the inductees.
- f. Be in charge of securing nominees from the general public for the sub-committees by February 15 of each year.
- g. Be in charge of approving all recommended inductees.

**(2) Sub-Committees will/shall:**

- a. Set aside up to one-half of the nominees for exclusion of the screening process. The exclusions may be by the chair of the sub-committee and approved by a majority of the sub-committee. Those set aside would remain eligible for consideration the next year.
- b. Meet mid-March to deliberate on nominations. A quorum must be present for each meeting.
- c. Be in charge for screening nominees and recommending inductees for their specific area of responsibility.
- d. Make their recommendation for inductees prior to April 1 of each year based on a majority vote of the committee.
- e. Be appointed by the BMS/HS principal or serve as a condition of their leadership position and their tenure shall be as follows:
  - i. Superintendent, Principals and Activities Director serve for their tenure in the positions.
  - ii. Beresford Athletic Booster Club, Watchdog Education Foundation Board members, and Beresford Area Arts Council Board members serve for their tenure in the positions.
  - iii. Committees should include staff members, head coaches, directors and members of the general public serving as appointed.
- f. Beresford School District Superintendent will appoint replacements if vacancies occur in any of the above positions prior to the completion of a normal term of service.

#### **ARTICLE IV—Induction Categories**

Categories include: Hall of Fame inductees will be placed into one of the following categories:

- **ACADEMICS/ACHIEVEMENT**
- **FINE ARTS**
- **ATHLETICS**
- **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

A Review Committee comprised of the Watchdog Education Foundation President as well the Watchdog Hall of Fame Sub-committee Chairs will initially review information/documentation returned by nominees to ensure that each nominee is placed into the appropriate category(ies) for consideration by the Sub-Committees.

#### **ARTICLE V—Induction Categories/Requirements**

**Requirements: Hall of Fame inductees will be selected in each category using the following requirements/guidelines:**

**Academics/Achievement** – This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose academic records and achievements set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, school board, volunteers or the general public.

**Fine Arts** – This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose fine arts accomplishments set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, directors, administration, volunteers, or the general public.

**Athletics** – This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose accomplishments on the fields of competition sets them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to Beresford School District as a member of the staff, coaches, administration, volunteers, or the general public.

**Distinguished Service** – This category can include Beresford High School grads and others that did not graduate from Beresford High School. The recipient must have served the Beresford School District and/or in the Beresford area in an exceptional manner. The recipient must come from the Hall of Fame nomination applications and be recommended by the Distinguished Service Committee or one of the other three Hall of Fame selection committees. It is **not** required that this award be given out yearly.

## **ARTICLE VI—Induction Procedure**

**Induction Procedure: The nominating and induction procedures for the Hall of Fame will follow these guidelines.**

- (1) Nominating petitions will be made available to the general public in September of each year.
- (2) The Steering Committee will circulate the nomination applications to the general public.
- (3) Nomination petitions must be returned to the Steering Committee prior to February 15th of each nominating cycle.
- (4) The nominating cycle will begin in September with petitions, proceed into late February and March with the evaluations and recommendations to be submitted to the Steering Committee on or before April 1. Recipients must receive a favorable vote by the Hall of Fame Steering Committee and final decisions will be rendered at that time.
- (5) Inductees will be notified of their induction by the Watchdog Education Foundation in April.
- (6) Inductees must attend the Hall of Fame Banquet which will be held in conjunction with the Homecoming Ceremonies in the fall.
- (7) If deceased, a family member, friend, or other designated individual will be present to accept the award.
- (8) If a nominee is unable to attend the required ceremonies, they will be inducted the following year providing they can attend.
- (9) If the nominee is unable to attend the following year to be inducted, the induction will be retracted and taken out of future consideration.
- (10) Hall of Fame inductees will receive an award from the Watchdog Hall of Fame and they will become part of the Watchdog Hall of Fame on display at Beresford High School.

**Special Nomination/Induction Directions:** With the Watchdog Hall of Fame being a new venture for the Beresford School District, it is imperative that balance be built into the system. Therefore, the following guidelines apply:

1. A 10-year nomination waiting period applies to all BHS graduates.
2. All faculty/coaches/directors/administrators/board members, etc. must demonstrate a minimum of 10 years of experience within the Beresford School District.
3. There is no limitation on the number of nominees to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in any year. Recommendation is a minimum of one and a maximum of three inductees per category each cycle.
4. There shall be sensitivity to the gender balance of the inductees in each of the areas.
5. If a Committee Member is nominated to the Hall of Fame, he/she must be excused from all voting directly related to the induction process.
6. Each Sub-Committee may recommend a nominee to the Distinguished Service Committee for a Distinguished Service Award.
7. At their discretion, Sub-Committee Chairs may recommend that a nominee in their category be considered for induction in another category better suited to the nominee.

8. Removal Clause – Any inductee or nominee of the Watchdog Hall of Fame may be removed for unethical conduct or behavior based upon an affirmative vote of a quorum of the current Steering Committee.

**Beresford School District  
Nominating Form for the 2017 Watchdog Hall of Fame  
Due by February 15, 2017**

Nominee: [Click here to enter text.](#) E-mail Address: (if known) [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominee's Address: (if known)  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Address** **City** **State** **Zip** **Phone**  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominators, please select from **one** of the following categories: (Need not be a graduate)

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academics/Achievement | Year of Graduation: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts             | Year of Graduation: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics             | Year of Graduation: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service | Year of Graduation: |

Briefly explain why you feel this individual deserves to be honored as a member of the Beresford High School Hall of Fame. \*  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominator: [Click here to enter text.](#) E-mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Nominator's Address:  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Address** **City** **State** **Zip** **Phone**  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

**The Nomination Review Committee will request supporting documentation from each qualified nominee. Only those nominees who submit information/documentation will be considered for induction by the Selection Committees.**

Descriptions of each Hall of Fame categories, the by-laws, or selection process procedures are available on the Watchdog Education Foundation's webpage by clicking on the following link: <http://beresford.schoolwires.net/Page/162>.

**Academics/Achievement** – This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose academic records and achievements set them apart from their peers. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, school board, volunteers, or general public.

**Fine Arts** – This category includes Beresford High School graduates whose Fine Arts accomplishments set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional

levels. It also includes non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, volunteers, or the general public.

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**Submit completed nomination form by February 15, 2017 to the: Watchdog Education Foundation, Hall of Fame, 301 West Maple Street, Beresford, SD 57004.**

**Beresford School District  
2017 Watchdog Hall of Fame Nominee  
Letter and Biography Form**

**Congratulations! You have been nominated for consideration to be inducted into the 2017 Watchdog Hall of Fame!**

The annual Watchdog Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be held in the fall of 2017 during Beresford High School's Homecoming Week. Nominees for consideration include BHS graduates whose achievements set them apart from their peers at the high school, university, or professional level. Also included are non-graduates who have made significant contributions to the Beresford School District as a member of the staff, administration, school board, volunteer, or the general public.

From the nominees, Hall of Fame inductees are selected by the Hall of Fame Selection Committees in categories of Academics/Achievement, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Distinguished Service.

- Only those nominees who submit the enclosed form with the information/documentation by **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to the Watchdog Education Foundation will be considered for induction by the Selection Committees.
- If selected, inductees, or a family member (if inductee is deceased) must be present at the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony during Homecoming Week.
- If you would rather not be considered for the Hall of Fame, please contact the Watchdog Education Foundation at (605) 763-4293 or [Brian.Field@k12.sd.us](mailto:Brian.Field@k12.sd.us).

**You have been nominated in the following category:**

*Academics/Achievement*    *Fine Arts*    *Athletics*    *Distinguished Service*

**Please provide us with the following information to ensure that our records are correct:**

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Last Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Maiden Name (if applicable): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#)

State: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Zip: [Click here](#)

[to enter text.](#)

Email Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**If the nominee is deceased or impaired, a family member or friend may complete the information. If applicable, please complete this information:**

Name of Family Member/Friend: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Relationship to Nominee: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone Number: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Email Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)



Again, congratulations on your nomination and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Brian Field, Superintendent  
Beresford School District

Nathan Jensen, President  
Watchdog Education Foundation

**Beresford School District  
Watchdog Hall of Fame Nominee  
Biography Form**

Please complete the following biographical information to be considered by the selection committee for induction to the Beresford School District Watchdog Hall of Fame. You may use additional sheets of paper and provide supplemental materials to answer the questions completely. For consideration by the Watchdog Hall of Fame Selection Committees, this form must be returned by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to the Watchdog Education Foundation.

**1. At Beresford High School:**

Membership: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Leadership: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Awards/Honors: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**2. Unique contributions to Beresford High School:**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**3. Post-Secondary:**

Membership: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Leadership: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Awards/Honors: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**4. Professional:**

Membership: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Leadership: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Awards/Honors: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**5. Community Involvement, etc.**

Membership: Click here to enter text.

Leadership: Click here to enter text.

Awards/Honors: Click here to enter text.

**6. Additional information for the Selection Committee:**

Click here to enter text.

*Thank you for completing the Watchdog Hall of Fame Nominee Biography form!*

**Please submit the completed biography form to the: Watchdog Education Foundation, Hall of Fame, 301 West Maple Street, Beresford, SD 57004 or by email to [Brian.Field@k12.sd.us](mailto:Brian.Field@k12.sd.us).**