

Nominations sought for Mountain Heritage Awards

Western Carolina University is accepting nominations for the Mountain Heritage Awards, prestigious honors bestowed on an individual and an organization each year for contributions or playing a prominent role in research, preservation and curation of Southern Appalachian history, culture and folklore.

The 2019 awards will be presented at the 45th annual Mountain Heritage Day, Saturday, September 28, on the WCU campus. **Deadline for nominations is Friday, June 28.**

There is a storied tradition of the awards and the recognition given to regional figures, institutions and organizations, beginning with the first presentation in 1976. “What do Cherokee Beloved Woman Amanda Swimmer, community activist Rob Tiger, the late WCU Chancellor H.F. ‘Cotton’ Robinson and Mountain Faith Band all have in common?” said Pam Meister, director of the Mountain Heritage Center. “And how about Dogwood Crafters, the Jackson County Genealogical Society, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and the Young Adult Choir of Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church? They’re all recipients of WCU’s Mountain Heritage Award.”

Recipients are chosen by a committee comprised of regional and campus representatives. Letters of nomination should not exceed five pages and should include the full name of the individual or organization being nominated, with a website address if applicable; the mailing address of the nominee; the founding date for organizational nominees; a list of the nominee’s accomplishments; a list of the awards and other recognitions received by the nominee; information about the nominee’s influence in the relevant field of expertise, such as crafts, music or organizational cause; and information about the nominee’s role as a teacher, advocate, leader or curator of mountain culture.

The award nomination form is below. Nominations should be delivered either at the Mountain Heritage Center offices, located in Room 240 of WCU’s Hunter Library; or mailed to Mountain Heritage Center, 1 University Drive, Cullowhee NC 28723; or emailed to at pameister@wcu.edu.

Mountain Heritage Awards 2019 Nomination Form

Nominator contact information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee contact information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check one:

Individual Organization Founding date of organization: _____

Please attach a letter of nomination, not to exceed five pages, detailing:

- Nominee's accomplishments
- Information about the nominee's influence in the relevant field of expertise, such as crafts, music, or organizational cause,
- Information about the nominee's role as a teacher, advocate, leader or preserver of mountain culture and heritage
- Nominee's awards or other recognitions
- Links to online support materials (optional)

Nominations may be emailed, mailed, or delivered to:

Pam Meister, Mountain Heritage Awards Coordinator
828-227-3192, pameister@email.wcu.edu

Mailing Address:
Mountain Heritage Center
1 University Way
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Physical Address:
Mountain Heritage Center
Room 240 Hunter Library
Western Carolina University

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JUNE 28, 2019

