



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut Walk of Honor Policies and Nomination Form

Please review the Walk of Honor Policies before submitting the Nomination Form attached. The form can be found on page 4.

I. Policy Statement

There are numerous current and former citizens of Bridgeport who have achieved significant and long term local, national, and international acclaim. However, many of these individuals have not been appropriately recognized for their contributions. Therefore, recognition will be given to honor and perpetuate the name and achievements of deserving individuals through a form of civic recognition.

The name, a condensed biography, and a brief description of the honoree's accomplishments will be displayed on a Walk of Honor in Bridgeport. This tribute will be a permanent display and will promote pride in Bridgeport.

The Walk of Honor will not be a duplication or replacement of other local civic recognition programs. If the names of recipients also appear on the other forms of civic or public recognition, it will not preclude them from being chosen for the Walk of Honor.

The City Council, Office of Public Facilities, and Office of Legislative Services will have oversight responsibility for the Walk of Honor by coordinating the activities of the Citizen Review Committee, a community-based committee appointed by the City Council, and the installation of the bricks. The City Council will designate six (6) honorees to be selected each year.

Questions and/or clarification regarding these policies and procedures should be directed to the original co-sponsors of the Walk of Honor ordinance or to the Office of Legislative Services.

II. Purpose

The purpose of these policies and procedures is to:

- a) Ensure that persons recognized by the Walk of Honor have made significant contributions at the local, national, or international level, and have brought honor to themselves as well as Bridgeport.
- b) Establish guidelines for the nomination of candidates for the Walk of Honor
- c) Establish uniform procedures for the selection of individuals for Walk of Honor recognition that are fair, objective and consistent.

III. Areas of Accomplishment

The following is a list, not all-inclusive, of areas in which Bridgeport residents have made significant contributions at the local, national, or international level:

- Agriculture
- Art
- Athletics
- Business
- Education
- Government
- Humanities
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Public service
- Religion
- Science & Technology

IV. Induction Criteria

Individuals nominated for the Walk of Honor will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Mandatory Requirements
 - a. Local, national, or international achievement
 - b. Bridgeport residency status shall be a minimum of one of the following:
 - i. Born in Bridgeport, CT
 - ii. A resident of Bridgeport, CT at the time the contribution was made
 - iii. A resident of Bridgeport, CT for a minimum of seven years
 - iv. A current resident of Bridgeport, CT, for a minimum of seven at the time the nomination for the recognition is submitted
2. Other Considerations
 - a. Positive ambassadorship and quality leadership by the nominee.
 - b. The degree to which the individual has been a role model for the City.

V. Procedures for Nominating an Individual to the Walk of Honor

1. Nomination of an individual for the Walk of Honor must be made in writing to the Office of Legislative Services and contain the most comprehensive data possible concerning the record and merit of each nominee.
2. In order to standardize nominations, a nomination form will be used (see attached).
3. Nominations for Walk of Honor recognition may be made by members of the City Council. Each Councilmember can submit only one nomination each year.
4. Nominations may be accepted posthumously
5. Nominees that do not meet the criteria listed herein will be rejected. Incomplete nomination forms may be returned for additional information.
6. All nominations must be submitted by January 1st of each year.

VI. Establishment of List of Nominees for the Walk of Honor

1. The Citizen Review Committee was appointed by the City Council on August 4, 2025, to establish the list of six (6) nominees for the Walk of Honor.
2. The criteria set forth in section 4 and procedures in Section 7 will be followed in establishing the list of honorees.
3. The final decision regarding a nominee rests with a simple majority vote of the Citizen Review Committee.

4. The Citizen Review Committee has the authority and exclusive right to make final selections before referral to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee of the City Council.

VII. Procedures for Selection of Nominated Individuals

1. A Citizen Review Committee, consisting of 7 members, will be appointed by the City Council.
2. Nomination forms will be submitted to the Office of Legislative Services by members of the City Council.
3. The person or group submitting a nomination will document the reasons for the nomination and the contribution the individual made at the local, national, or international level.
4. The Citizen Review Committee will review nomination materials utilizing the criteria set forth in Section 4 and select individuals to be placed on the List of Nominees for the Walk of Honor to be referred to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee of the City Council.
5. The Citizen Review Committee has the authority and exclusive right to make the final selections before referral to the City Council.
6. Individuals not selected in a given year may be considered in subsequent years upon resubmission of the nomination form.

VIII. Recognition of Walk of Honor Recipients

An appropriate ceremony will be conducted to unveil the recipient's plaque on the Walk of Honor. The recipient, or an appropriate representative, will be presented with a certificate of the Walk of Honor recognition.

Media recognition will be arranged by the Office of Legislative Services.

The Walk of Honor Nomination Form is found on page 4.



**City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
Walk of Honor Policies & Nomination Form**

*Please review the Walk of Honor Policies attached to this Nomination Form before submitting.
Please type and print all information on the application.*

I. Nominee Information

Name of Nominee: _____

Current Address (not applicable if deceased): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Is the Nominee a Bridgeport Native? Yes _____ No _____

Pursuant to Chapter §12.18.030 of the Bridgeport Municipal Code of Ordinances, include the
Nominee's dates of Bridgeport residency:

From: _____ To: _____

If Nominee is deceased, list contact information for nearest family member of Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship of contact person to deceased Nominee: _____

II. Brief Biological Sketch of Nominee:

Please include a brief biography of the Nominee. Resumes and character letters are accepted and can be included with the Nomination Form.

III. Nominee Achievements

Dates of achievements: _____

Describe significant contributions made by the Nominee, according to criteria established in Chapter §12.18.030 of the Bridgeport Municipal Code of Ordinances. Letters, documents, newspaper articles, and other information can be included with the Nomination Form.

Please continue filling out the Nomination Form on the next page

IV. Nomination Form Submitted by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Nominating Individual:

Date: _____

V. Council Submission

Name of Councilmember who submitted this application:

Councilmember Signature:

Council District: _____ Date: _____

VI. Administration

If you have questions regarding the Walk of Honor nomination process, please contact the Office of Legislative Services at (203) 330-4250 or legislative.services@bridgeportct.gov

Please review the criteria for nomination in the *Walk of Honor Nomination Form & Policies* before submitting a nomination. This form is also available in the Office of Legislative Services or on the City's website under the City Council page on <https://www.bridgeportct.gov/government/departments/city-council>

Submit completed Nomination Form and include supporting documents/picture (if available) to your councilmember for submission to the Office of Legislative Services.