



# Spirit of Dakota Award

*South Dakota's Premier Woman's Award*



## **Statement of Purpose**

The Spirit of Dakota Award is presented to an outstanding South Dakota woman who has demonstrated vision, courage and strength of character in the development of her family, community, and/or state. The award is sponsored by the Spirit of Dakota Award Society headquartered in Huron, South Dakota, the host city for the Spirit of Dakota sculpture located at the Crossroads Hotel and Huron Event Center. Since its beginning in 1987, eighteen South Dakota women have received this prestigious honor.

## **Qualifications**

The Spirit of Dakota Award Honoree is a woman who has demonstrated:

- leadership qualities in her community and/or state;
- involvement in the social, cultural, and/or educational advancement for others;
- a willingness to serve others with vision and purpose without personal gain;
- a daring and bold attitude that emulates the true spirit of prairie women;
- active involvement in organizations within her community and has contributed beyond ordinary membership; and
- strength of character, courage, and serves as a role model for present and future generations in her community and beloved state of South Dakota.

The nominee does not need to be a native of South Dakota but must be a living resident of the state. The nominee's age is not a factor in the selection process.

## *Nomination Form: Due August 1*

*I place before the South Dakota Spirit of Dakota Award Society this exceptional woman.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Children (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Hometown Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

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## *(Nomination Form Continued: Due August 1)*

### **To complete the nomination process, please include ONLY the following documents:**

1. In narrative form (2-4 pages in length), state the reason(s) you think this nominee is worthy of the Spirit of Dakota Award, citing examples of how the nominee personifies the Statement of Purpose and Qualifications for this award, as stated on page one of this form.
2. Only two letters of recommendation will be accepted (1-2 pages in length) from people who know the nominee and her qualifications for the award. Explain their relationship to the nominee.
3. A quality photograph (color or black-and-white) suitable for reprint in news announcements regarding the award. Digital photographs should be submitted on a disc or CD in a jpg format. All photographs become the property of the Spirit of Dakota Award Society.

### **Announcement and Presentation of Award**

The Spirit of Dakota Award Society invites all nominees, their families and friends, to attend the Spirit of Dakota Award Banquet to be held the first Saturday of October at the Huron Event Center. The nominees will be introduced at a tea to be held at an historic Huron landmark, beginning at 3:00 P.M., followed by the Spirit of Dakota Art Show. A social will follow at 6:00 P.M. with the Award Banquet to begin at 7:00 P.M.

### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please contact the Spirit of Dakota Chairperson, Marilyn Hoyt, by phone 605-352-6073, or email [mhoyt@santel.net](mailto:mhoyt@santel.net).

[www.spiritofdakota.org](http://www.spiritofdakota.org)

### **Mail Your Nomination To:**

**Spirit of Dakota Award Society  
PO Box 280  
Huron, South Dakota 57350-0280**

### **Respectfully Nominated By:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your nomination!*