



Spirit of Dakota Award

*South Dakota's
Premier Woman's Award*

Established October 1987

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 _____

Respectfully Nominated By:

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

How did you hear about the Spirit of Dakota award?

☐ Newspaper ☐ Web Page ☐ SD Magazine ☐ Community Club ☐ _____

Further instructions for nominating are on the back side

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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.

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.

----- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY -----

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 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 CD or DVD in jpg format. All photographs become the property of the Spirit of Dakota Award Society. (Please provide a copyright release from photographer if taken by a professional or business).

Email: Save and attach this nomination, along with accompanying paperwork (above), to mjhoyt66@gmail.com.

OR mail your nomination to: Spirit of Dakota Award Society
PO Box 280
Huron, South Dakota 57350-0280

INCOMPLETE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

----- TOTAL PAGES ACCEPTED PER NOMINATION IS EIGHT -----

Announcement and Presentation of Award

The Spirit of Dakota Award winner WILL BE ANNOUNCED at the annual banquet held at the Huron Event Center on the first Saturday of October. The Spirit of Dakota Award Society invites all nominees, families and friends to attend the award banquet at which ALL NOMINEES will be introduced and honored! A Tea will be held at a distinguished Huron home in the afternoon followed by the Spirit of Dakota Art Show at the Huron Event Center. The social and banquet will be held that evening.

Contact

For further information, go to www.spiritofdakota.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Spirit of Dakota Chair, Marilyn Hoyt, by phone 605-352-6073, or email mjhoyt66@gmail.com.

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Thank You For Your Nomination!