

## LEGISLATION – NEBRASKA HALL OF FAME COMMISSION

### 72-724.

#### **Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission; created; members; appointment; administration.**

(1) There is hereby created a Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission, which shall consist of seven members, six of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. The Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society shall be the seventh member of the commission and shall serve as secretary of the commission. The Governor shall appoint no more than three members of the commission from the same political party. The Governor shall consider gender and ethnic diversity and the person's appreciation for the history and culture of the state when making the appointments. In making the initial appointments of the commission, the Governor shall appoint two members for a term of two years, two members for a term of four years, and two members for a term of six years. As the terms of the members expire, the Governor shall appoint or reappoint a member of the commission for a term of six years to succeed the member whose term expires. The members shall serve without compensation. The Governor shall be an ex officio member of the commission.

(2) The Nebraska State Historical Society shall be responsible for the administration of the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission.

#### **Source**

- Laws 1961, c. 355, § 1, p. 1118;
- [Laws 1998, LB 1129, § 3;](#)
- [Laws 2005, LB 37, § 1.](#)

### 72-725.

#### **Nebraska Hall of Fame; location.**

The Nebraska Hall of Fame shall be located in the State Capitol and other locations as approved by the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission.

#### **Source**

- Laws 1961, c. 355, § 2, p. 1118;
- [Laws 1998, LB 1129, § 4.](#)

### 72-726.

#### **Nebraska Hall of Fame; purpose.**

The purpose of the Nebraska Hall of Fame shall be to bring to public attention and to recognize officially those people who, in their lives, have achieved prominence and who were outstanding Nebraskans. For the purpose of this section Nebraskans shall mean those (1) who were born in Nebraska, (2) who gained prominence while living in Nebraska, or (3) who lived in Nebraska and whose residence in Nebraska was an important influence on their lives and which contributed to their greatness.

#### **Source**

- Laws 1961, c. 355, § 3, p. 1118.

**72-727.**

### **Rules and regulations.**

The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to establish criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the Nebraska Hall of Fame and to establish standards for the creation, design, size, configuration, and placement of busts or other appropriate objects.

### **Source**

- Laws 1961, c. 355, § 4, p. 1119;
- [Laws 1998, LB 1129, § 5.](#)

**72-728.**

### **Persons named to Nebraska Hall of Fame; limitations; Nebraskans awarded Medal of Honor; plaque.**

(1) This subsection shall not apply to subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission shall not name more than one person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during each five-year period beginning on and after January 1, 2005. During the first two years of each five-year period, the commission shall receive nominations of candidates to be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. The commission shall review the nominations and may select the finalists for induction. During the subsequent two years of each five-year period, the commission shall review the finalists, if any, and shall hold public hearings regarding the finalists in each of the congressional districts. After the hearings, the commission may select one finalist for induction. If a finalist is selected for induction, the commission shall name him or her to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during the final year of each five-year period.

(2) The commission shall procure an appropriate plaque upon which shall be placed the names of each Nebraskan awarded the Medal of Honor as a result of such person's services in the armed forces of the United States. Such plaque shall have sufficient space for listing the names of persons who shall be awarded the Medal of Honor in the future. The plaque shall have a suitable place in the State Capitol.

(3) Prior to June 30, 2027, the commission shall name one living person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Such person shall be a Nebraskan as defined in section [72-726](#) and have demonstrated a record of achievement in the following areas:

- a) Public service;
- b) Leadership in collegiate athletics; and
- c) Volunteer youth mentorship activities.

### **Source**

- Laws 1961, c. 355, § 5, p. 1119;
- Laws 1969, c. 595, § 1, p. 2448;
- Laws 1976, LB 670, § 1;
- [Laws 1998, LB 1129, § 6;](#)
- [Laws 2005, LB 37, § 2;](#)
- [Laws 2026, LB596, § 12.](#)

**Effective Date: July 18, 2026**

## **72-729.**

### **Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission; powers.**

The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission shall have power:

- (1) To contract for the making and placing of busts or other appropriate objects commemorating the persons chosen to be placed in the State Capitol or other location as approved by the commission. No busts or other appropriate objects commemorating the persons chosen shall be placed in the State Capitol except upon the approval of the Nebraska Capitol Commission; and
- (2) To receive and disburse gifts.

### **Source**

- Laws 1963, c. 414, § 1, p. 1336;
- [Laws 1974, LB 1048, § 40;](#)
- [Laws 1993, LB 311, § 2;](#)
- [Laws 1998, LB 1129, § 7.](#)

## **72-729.01.**

### **Hall of Fame Trust Fund; created; use; investment.**

There is hereby created the Hall of Fame Trust Fund to be administered by the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission for the purpose of the creation, design, size, configuration, and placement of busts or other appropriate objects as authorized in section [72-729](#). Deposits to such fund shall include money received from public donation and from funds appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature. The State Treasurer shall transfer ten thousand dollars from the General Fund to the Hall of Fame Trust Fund annually beginning with fiscal year 2021-22, between July 1 and July 30 of each year, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services, except that if the balance of the Hall of Fame Trust Fund exceeds fifty thousand dollars on the last day of the preceding fiscal year, such transfer shall not take place. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

### **Source**

- [Laws 1973, LB 282, § 1;](#)
- [Laws 1998, LB 1129, § 8.](#)
- [Laws 2021, LB384, § 13;](#)
- [Laws 2023, LB8181, § 16.](#)