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Call for Nominations

The Maine Women's Hall of Fame and the Maryann Hartman awards

The University of Maine seeks nominations for the Maine Women's Hall of Fame and the Maryann Hartman awards. Beginning in 2023, UMaine will partner with the Maine Women's Hall of Fame to sustain our common tradition of honoring exceptional Maine women. We define 'woman' broadly so to include any person who lives life as a woman. We also define achievements broadly, and in recognition that much important work in and for Maine communities may lie outside traditional standards for achievement and across all walks of life. We hope to inspire nominations of candidates across a wide range of professions and industries, including but not limited to those who are already publicly recognized across the state.

The Maryann Hartman awards recognize women whose contributions in a wide variety of spheres (the arts, politics, business, education, health care, social justice and community service) inspire and empower members of the larger community. These awards, which may be for a specific contribution or for a larger pattern of achievement, are named for the late UMaine professor of speech communication who was a renowned educator, feminist, and scholar. The awards celebrate and increase campus and community awareness of the wide scope of women's accomplishments. Up to two awards will be made to women at any stage of life or career. The list of past Maryann Hartman award recipients is available [here](#).

The Maine Women's Hall of Fame, established in 1990 by the BPW/Maine Futurama Foundation, is dedicated to women whose achievements have had a significant statewide impact and have significantly improved the lives of women. This award is made annually, to mark a lifetime of achievement. The University of Maine at Augusta maintains a [permanent Maine Women's Hall of Fame display](#) of photographs and citations for all honorees in the Bennett D. Katz Library. The list of those inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame is available [here](#).

Nominations for both awards will be accepted through December 10, 2023, with a public celebration planned for early March at the University of Maine. An individual eligible for both awards may be nominated for both, but can be selected only for one. Nominees must confirm their willingness to attend the awards celebration before an award is confirmed.

Nominations may be submitted via email to um.apfaafd@maine.edu. A nomination consists of:

1. An explanation (300-600 words) of why the nominee's accomplishments merit recognition with a Maryann Hartman award, selection for the Maine Women's Hall of Fame, or both;
2. A descriptive list of the nominee's most significant achievements or contributions (maximum of six items, 100 words each);
3. Email address and phone number for both nominator and nominee.

Late nominations may be set aside for the next awards cycle. Please do not submit materials other than those listed above. Nominators may be contacted for additional information if necessary.

Questions about the nomination process may be emailed to um.apfaafd@maine.edu.

[Maine Women's Hall of Fame](#)

The Maine Women's Hall of Fame, established in 1990 by the BPW/Maine Futurama Foundation, is dedicated to women whose achievements have had a significant statewide impact and have significantly improved the lives of women, and whose contributions provided enduring value for women. The University of Maine at Augusta maintains a [permanent Maine Women's Hall of Fame display](#) of photographs and citations for all honorees in the Bennett D. Katz Library. The list of those inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame is available [here](#).

Nominee eligibility: Entry into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame recognizes a lifetime of achievement. Nominees should be mid- to late-career Maine women whose outstanding accomplishments have had a significant statewide impact and have significantly improved the lives of women, and whose contributions have provided enduring value for women.

[Maryann Hartman awards](#)

Maryann Hartman

After receiving a Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University in 1969, Maryann Hartman joined the University of Maine faculty as an assistant professor and director of forensics. A pioneer in the field of oral interpretation, Hartman studied communicative arts from historical, rhetorical, and aesthetic perspectives. Her research included comparisons of language patterns of Maine women and men born before 1900; oral autobiographies of Maine women born before 1900; and the use of oral interpretation to influence public policy. Teacher, scholar, advocate, friend, mother, a woman of courage and vitality, Maryann Hartman died of cancer in 1980 at the age of 53.

Named for the late Professor Maryann Hartman, the Maryann Hartman awards honors the spirit, achievement, and zest for life that Hartman epitomized. The award recognizes distinguished women in Maine and their accomplishments in the arts, politics, business, education and community service. The work of the women selected provides inspiration to others. Presented annually, the awards increase campus and community awareness of contemporary women's accomplishments.

Nominee eligibility

Nominees should be women with a significant relationship to Maine, but eligibility is not limited to Maine women. We look for the diversity in interests, service, geographic location, and culture that best represents Maine. Strong leadership and role modeling in the nominee's work are also important. Nominees should reflect and honor Maryann's commitment to women, her values, and her community. Anyone who self-identifies as a woman of any age is eligible. No current UMaine employees can be recipients.

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