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**Applications being accepted from
Harlan County High students
for Academic/Athletic Hall of Fame program**

Applications are due by June 30th for the 2010 Harlan County School District's Frank Brittain Academic/Athletic Hall of Fame. This program honors the district's outstanding students in academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities.

The program, established under the leadership of Superintendent Timothy W. Saylor in 2002, is governed by a committee comprised of current and former educators, business and industry and community representatives.

"As an administrator, I believe it is imperative that students be recognized for their success in the classroom, on an athletic team, in drama, choir or any other area," said Saylor. "The Hall of Fame is an excellent way for the school district to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our students. The criteria are stringent, maintaining the integrity of the honor."

Since 2002, only nine students have received the recognition. In addition to acrylic and cash awards presented to the honorees, permanent etched plaques highlighting the students' accomplishments are placed on the Hall of Fame located in the lobby of the district's administrative office building.

The Hall of Fame is named in memory of longtime Harlan County Educator Frank Brittain whose contributions to the school system and public education spanned six decades.

"I encourage parents of our seniors at Harlan County High School to review the accomplishments of their children in academics, athletics and other activities," said Saylor. "It is important that parents urge their children who are eligible to take the time to apply for this great recognition program. This is a great opportunity for the students to be rewarded for their hard work, dedication and determination. It truly is an elite group."

Categories for nomination include individuals or groups for academics or athletics.

The following criteria are established for nominations (*students may be eligible in one or more categories*):

- Nominees must exemplify the highest standard of ethical conduct, moral character and sportsmanship.

- Candidates shall be judged on their significant and/or long-term contribution to academics and/or athletics.

- Nominations shall be made by using the official nomination form. This form shall be approved by the Hall of Fame Committee. It will be available at the central office of the Harlan County Public Schools and at all guidance counselor offices at each school. Applicants may download the document at www.harlan.k12.ky.us/halloffame.htm.

Academics (Individual)

- National Merit Scholar
- Distinguished on 17 of the 23 total state assessment exams in elementary through high school levels
- Top ten finish in an individual event in the State Governor’s Cup Finals
- ACT score of 32 or higher and a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher
- SAT score of 1410 to 1450 or higher and a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher
- First place finish in an individual event at the Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association State Competition
- All-State Band/Orchestra for two (2) years
- All-State Chorus for two (2) years
- Pass three (3) AP Tests and earn the Commonwealth Diploma
- State or national recognition for first or second place in academic or leadership competition
- Earn a Skill Standards Certificate with a score of 90 or above and compile a G.P.A. of 3.5 or better

•Governor’s Scholar

Academics (Team)

- Top 10 finish in the State Governor’s Cup Finals
- First or second place in the Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association State Competition
- Two (2) distinguished ratings at the State Marching Festival or State Concert Music Festival
- State or national recognition for first or second place in Art
- State or national recognition for first or second place in academic or leadership competition

Athletics (Individual)

- Any athlete who received a NCAA Division I Scholarship
- State champion in any individual sport

Athletics (Team)

- Football – Participation in a state championship game
- Basketball – Participation in the state championship game of the Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament
- Baseball/Softball/Volleyball – Participation in the state championship game
- Track/Wrestling/Golf – First or second place finish in the state championship competition
- Cheerleading – First or second place in the state KAPOS Competition.

When completing the applications, students should be explicit in listing the areas for which they are seeking admission into the hall of fame.

Applicants not meeting the criteria listed above may be considered for nomination based on exemplary accomplishments. The final deadline for all applications is June 30.

Printed applications are available at the HCHS guidance offices.

Additional information on applying for acceptance into the Hall of Fame may be obtained from the school guidance counselors or by calling 606-573-4330, extension 2046.