

## The GWRRA Rider Education Program RED HAT AWARD

### WHAT IS THE RED HAT AWARD & HONOR ROLL?

The Red Hat Award & Honor Roll was created by Gene & Rae Ellsworth in 1994 who made valuable contributions to the GWRRA Rider Education Program for many years on Chapter, District, Region and National teams. Their personal commitment to riding safety and skill lead them to provide a unique way to show appreciation to others. Directors' Emeritus Ray and Sandi Garris assisted with the program from its beginning and after Gene's passing, the Garris' became the Red Hat Coordinators retiring from the position in 2019.

Nominees may or may not have a direct role in Rider Education (including MFA) but have made positive impact on fellow Members on a one on one, Chapter, District or National basis and while nominations may be submitted any time during the year, most Red Hat Awards are presented during the GWRRA Awards Ceremony held the day before WING DING officially opens each year.

Awardees receive a Red Hat embroidered with the phrase, "Ride with Pride and Confidence", are assigned a unique honor roll number and recognized on the GWRRA Red Hat Honor Roll posted to the GWRRA website which is maintained by the Red Hat Award Coordinator. Awardee names and numbers may be added by the Honoree or their District at their expense. The Red Hat Honor Roll is maintained by the Red Hat Award Coordinator.

### WHO IS RED HAT AWARD CANDIDATE?

Red Hat Award nominees are individual or couple who:

- are Members in good standing of GWRRA.
- may or not have served as Educators or Ride Coordinators at the District or Chapter level or as an instructor or trainer.
- have shown a special interest in the safety and education of their fellow GWRRA Members.
- have made valuable contributions to or performed exceptional acts to promote or preserve safety, knowledge and best practices.

Examples of Past Red Hat Awardees contributions:

- Awardees opened their home on a regular for use as classroom space for rider education instruction and training
- Awardee donated new equipment and supplies to enhance a District's RE Program
- Awardee used skills learned as MEDIC FIRST AID® participant to save a life

### RED HAT AWARD SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Any Member may complete and submit a Red Hat Award nomination. It is not necessary for the nominee to be an educator, hold any position or be an instructor or trainer.
- Nomination forms from Members, Chapters or District Team Members will be forwarded to the District's Director. The Director and District Educator will review and sign the document.
- There is no maximum number of nominations that can be submitted by a District however, there is no guarantee all nominees will be recognized with a Red Hat Award.
- The completed, signed nomination form will be submitted by the District Director via email to the Red Hat Award Coordinator, **St. George Huttman at: [huttmangr@gmail.com](mailto:huttmangr@gmail.com)**
- ***Emailed nominations must be received no later than April 1, 2020. Nominations submitted via US Mail must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2020 to be considered for presentation at WING DING 42 in Springfield, Missouri. For more information: 828 855 0677***

**GWRRA RED HAT AWARD NOMINATION FORM**  
**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATING MEMBER**

NOMINATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE w/AREA CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS NOMINATION IS FOR (select one choice only):       AN INDIVIDUAL       A COUPLE

NAME OF NOMINEE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT POSITION(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PAST POSITION(S)?: \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE CONTRIBUTION(S) MADE BY NOMINEE(S) AND THE IMPACT ON THE MEMBERS' RIDER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:**

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**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL**

NOMINEE(S) IS/ARE CURRENT GWRRA MEMBERS (SELECT ONE):      YES      NO      \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPIRES

\_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S NAME      DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE      DATE

NOMINEE(S) ARE IN THE LEVELS PROGRAM (SELECT ONE):      YES      NO      IF YES,  
WHAT IS THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT? \_\_\_\_\_

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DISTRICT EDUCATOR'S NAME      DISTRICT EDUCATOR'S SIGNATURE      DATE

**DISTRICT DIRECTORS:** Email completed award nominations to the Red Hat Coordinator: **St. George Huttman** at: [huttmangr@gmail.com](mailto:huttmangr@gmail.com) **NO LATER** than **April 1, 2020** or send by US Mail to: George Huttman; PO Box 2466, Hildebran NC 28637. Mailed Red Hat award nominations must be postmarked **NO LATER** than **April 1, 2020**.