



**BUSINESS BROKERS OF FLORIDA**  
*Advisors Connecting Buyers & Sellers*

# Criteria for Honorary Membership in the Business Brokers of Florida Association

Honorary membership is the highest grade of membership bestowed by the Business Brokers of Florida (BBF), upon individuals who have demonstrated excellence in professional achievements, high ethical standards, and extraordinary service to the association and the business brokerage industry in Florida. This honor is intended to recognize the recipient's distinguished service and bring honor to both the individual and the association.

## Nomination Criteria

### 1. Professional Accomplishments

- Nominees will have distinguished themselves through significant contributions to one or more disciplines related to business brokerage in Florida.
- The basis for this evaluation will include, but is not limited to:
  - Roles and responsibilities within the association.
  - Honors, citations, certificates, or awards in the field of business brokerage in general.

### 2. Service to the Business Brokerage Industry in Florida

- Nominees will have documented evidence of distinguished and substantial contributions to business brokerage education and service to other related societies/associations in Florida.

### 3. Service to the Business Brokers of Florida Association

- Nominees will be evaluated for their service to the association, including but not limited to:
  - Significant Leadership (State Officer, State Board of Directors, District representative, Committees, etc.)
  - Exemplary volunteerism as a Speaker/Author/Presenter/Instructor at association events.

### 4. Membership Status

- Nominees must be living individuals who are (or have been in the last 5 years) regular members of the Business Brokers of Florida Association in good standing.
- In exceptional circumstances, this honor may be awarded to a deceased member as an Honorary Member "In Memoriam".
- Nominees must have been an active member of the association for at least ten (10) years.

## Nomination and Approval Process

- Any member of the BBF in good standing may nominate a candidate for Honorary membership.
- The nominator(s) must explain the nominee's record of service, and the Honorary Member Selection Committee (which shall consist of 3 BBF members in good standing nominated by the BBF Board of Directors) will evaluate and judge whether the level of involvement is extraordinary.
- It is strongly recommended that no more than one Honorary Membership be granted in any given year unless a compelling rationale is presented for exceeding this number, but in no instance will more than two per year be granted state-wide.
- The Honorary Member Selection Committee may choose not to recommend any nominees in a given year if they feel that none of the nominees meet the minimum qualifications.
- The Honorary Member Selection Committee will present their recommendations as a slate to the Board of Directors, which shall approve or reject the annual slate as-is without seeking to redo the committee's work.

## Benefits of Honorary Membership

An Honorary member enjoys all the rights and privileges of a regular member but is subject to special pricing on annual dues (to be determined by the BBF Board of Directors) and shall receive a recognition plaque from the BBF which demonstrates their Honorary Membership status.