



North Carolina High School Athletic Association
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NCHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION)

I. NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME Curtis Steve Evans
LAST FIRST MIDDLE NICKNAME
ADDRESS P.O. Box 251 Shelby N.C. 28151
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE
AGE 81 DATE OF BIRTH 3/19/42 PLACE OF BIRTH Cleveland County
TELEPHONE: WORK () HOME (704) 482-6459 DECEASED* YES/NO
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL Shelby High School YEAR GRADUATED 1960
NAME OF COLLEGE Appalachian State YEAR GRADUATED 1964
ADDITIONAL DEGREES (MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC.) Western Carolina (MA) UNC Chapel Hill (PhD)
IF NOMINEE IS DECEASED, GIVE DATE OF DEATH AND FILL IN SECTION II

II. NEAREST RELATIVE

NAME Curtis Brenda Cabaniss Wife
LAST FIRST MIDDLE RELATIONSHIP
ADDRESS P.O. Box 251 Shelby N.C. 28151
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE: WORK () HOME (1) 704-300-1686 (cell)

III. SPONSOR INFORMATION (PERSON MAKING NOMINATION)

NAME Taylor James (Jim) Howard
LAST FIRST MIDDLE
ADDRESS 321 Pleasant Ridge Ch Rd Shelby NC 28152
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE: WORK () HOME (1) 704 472 5383
TITLE/POSITION Retired Coach and Athletic Director
SCHOOL SYSTEM Cleveland County Schools
SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 10-29-23

IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

IN CHART BELOW, PLEASE LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY THE NOMINEE'S POSITION
(COACH, PRINCIPAL, ETC.) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DATA

POSITION	DATES	SCHOOL OR SYSTEM	HONORS	COACHING RECORDS
Assistant Football Coach	1964	East Rutherford High School		6-4
"	1965	" " "	Bi-Conference Champions	9-3
Head Football Coach/Athletic Director	1966	" " "	Conference Champions	10-0
Head Coach	1966	" " "	Chosen to Coach East West All Star	
" "	1966	N.C. HSAA	Coach of the Year	
" "	1966-1968	East Rutherford HS		12-8
Head Freshman Football Coach	1971	Western Carolina University (Graduate Assist.)		6-0
Head Coach Athletic Director	1972	Burns High School	Coach of the Year	4-6
Assistant Coach	1973-1974	Gardner Webb University	Bowl Game	14-6
Head Coach / Athletic Director	1975-1979	East Rutherford HS		25-16

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CIVIC/CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE CHURCH, CIVIC OR CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT)

1. First Baptist Church - Education Committee
2. Chamber of Commerce Member
3. NCAE member
4. NC Wildlife Commissioner District 8 (4 years)
5. Rotary Club Member
6. School Board Member (Merged County Board)
7. _____
8. _____

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POSITION	DATES	SCHOOL OR SYSTEM	HONORS	COACHING RECORDS
Assistant Football Coach	1980	Shelby High School		24-6
Assistant Principal Athletic Responsibilities	1984- 1985	"		
Assist. Superintendent Personnel Director of Athletics	1989- 1994	"		
Assist. Superintendent	1990	"	East High School Hall of Fame	
"	1991	"	Cleveland County Sports Hall of Fame	
Superintendent	1995 - 2000	Shelby City Schools		
Superintendent	1996	"	Renovated Athletic Facilities	
			Soccer Fields Football Field house Presbox	
			Girls Softball Fields Baseball fields lights (\$500,000.00)	

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1. _____
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HONORS

(PLEASE LIST HONORS EARNED IN COLLEGE, POST GRADUATE WORK, AWARDS FROM CIVIC CLUBS, ETC.)
(EXAMPLE: PHI BETA KAPPA, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, JAYCEE PERSON OF THE YEAR, ETC.)

1. Lettered in Football at Appalachian State 3 years
2. Six year degree at Western Carolina University
3. Doctorate at UNC Chapel Hill
4. North Carolina School Board Association sponsored my
5. dissertation and used it for member training.
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

V. PHOTOGRAPH

ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NOMINEE
(preferably head and shoulder shot, wallet size)



VI. SUPPORT OF CANDIDACY

Using whatever supportive data you may wish, please describe the activities and accomplishments of this candidate which make him/her a viable candidate for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Please remember that only thorough and complete documentation will be considered. Two letters of recommendation (minimum) will be necessary, and newspaper articles, etc., in support may also be submitted.

The committee shall seek to honor those who have directly influenced the history and evolution of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Attachments are considered appropriate.

FOR OFFICE USE: DATE RECEIVED _____

To: NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Steve Curtis for induction into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Steve influenced and inspired both the coaches he worked with and the young men he coached. During his tenure as a football coach at East Rutherford High, Burns High, Shelby High, Western Carolina University and Gardner Webb University Steve influenced a number of young men to become coaches and educators themselves. His ability to motivate and inspire the best from the people around him is second to none.

Steve put these skills and traits to work as Superintendent of Shelby City Schools. As Administrator he focused on the students, teachers and the people he worked with in order to improve the school system every day. He is the ideal candidate for recognition by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Cliff Wilson Ed.D

Dr. Steve Curtis – NCHSAA Hall of Fame Recommendation

Steve Curtis began his high school football career at Shelby High School under great coaches Casey Morris, Lloyd Little, and Pearly Allen. He later played collegiately at Appalachian State University.

After his collegiate career he began his coaching career at East Rutherford High School. He left to attend graduate school at Western Carolina University and then became the head football coach at Burns High School. He left to coach collegiately for a short time and then returned to East Rutherford High School as Head Football Coach.

After his tenure at East Rutherford, he returned to Shelby High School and worked with Coach Jim Taylor. His future led him to enter the administrative ranks. He entered the doctoral program at UNC-Chapel Hill and successfully earned the Doctor of Education Degree. He served as Principal of Shelby Middle School, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent of School. Steve Curtis recognized the value of athletics in public schools. He was a strong advocate for his system's athletic program.

After his retirement the Cleveland County Schools were merged into one system from the previous three systems in the county. His sound counsel was needed in the new merged system and the County Commissioners appointed him to the new merged Board of Education. His sound judgment and expertise were critical to the successful merger.

He is a man who is admired by athletes, students, fellow coaches, and all who are associated with him. He is both loved and respected by all. This man reflects the best attributes of what the NCHSAA means to all.

Dr. George Litton
103 Prestwick Court, Shelby, NC 28152

Que Tucker, Commissioner
NCHSAA
PO Box 3216
Chapel Hill, NC 27515

Jim Taylor
321 Pleasant Ridge Church Rd.
Shelby, N.C. 28152

Dear Que,

It was really good to see you at the NCADA Hall of Fame banquet. I hope that you did not think I was drinking. I had taken one of my nerve pills prior to the banquet and the sedative effects made my demeanor appear to be kind of drunk.

The real reason I am writing this letter is to recommend Dr. Steve Curtis to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. He played football at Shelby High School and went on to play at Appalachian University. He started his coaching career at East Rutherford High School. He came to Shelby High School and coached for me for two years before entering Administration as Assistant Principal and then Principal at Shelby High School, ending his career as Superintendent of Shelby City Schools. In addition, he served as a member of the Board of Education of the Cleveland County School System. He has told me on several occasions that if done right, athletics could be the best teaching method for teaching good habits and discipline. His philosophy of education and/or athletics was integrity first, toughness second, and involvement of the community in the program. Those are the reasons Steve Curtis should be a member in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. He is one of the 3 definitive people who have been left off of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. In my opinion, Steve Curtis # 1, Dr. George Lytton # 2, and Mickey Lineberger # 3. These 3 should be members of the Hall of Fame for Region 6.

This letter is expressly promoting Dr. Steve Curtis first and foremost.

Sincerely,



Jim Taylor