

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL STATUES IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

Virginia's Commission for Historical Statues in the U.S. Capitol is inviting students to submit suggestions for a historical person to represent Virginia in a new statue for placement in the Capitol's National Statuary Hall. The new statue will eventually join one of George Washington and take the place of a statue of Robert E. Lee that the commission recommended removing during a public hearing in August.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS NOVEMBER 27, 2020.



The replacement statue must:

- be a deceased person.
- have been a citizen of the United States (indigenous peoples who predate US qualify).
- be illustrious for historic renown or for distinguished civic or military service.
- represent only one individual.

In addition, the person should possess one or more of the following values and/or attributes:

- association with significant events that changed the course of history.
- association with significant ideals, writings, and/or intellectual thought .
- exemplification of valor, patriotism, bravery.
- the subject's primary historical significance should be tied to Virginia directly or they should have spent the majority of their life in the state.
- the person should not be in conflict with current prevailing values .

Nomination Process:

Nominations may be made via email to: uscapitolcommission@dhr.virginia.gov or by mail to: US Capitol Commission, DHR, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221 or verbally at a virtual public hearing on November 17th.

Nominations should include the following:

- Name and contact info. for the person making the nomination.
- Name of school attended by the person making the nomination.
- Name of the person being suggested to replace Robert E. Lee.
- A brief statement regarding how the suggested person exemplifies the selection criteria.

For additional information, contact Julie Langan at Julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov or (804) 385-6936 or visit

<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov>

Selection Process:

- Suggestions will be collected through November 27, 2020.
- The Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on November 17, 2020 to hear verbal public comment and suggestions. See <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov> for public hearing details.
- The Department of Historic Resources will research the suggested persons to determine the values and attributes they represent.
- The list of suggested persons will be narrowed down to five finalists.
- The Commission will hold a virtual public meeting to select the person to be represented in the replacement statue. See <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov> for meeting details.