

# 2023 Holmes McBride Informational Letter

TO: NCAOAF Members

FROM: Bonnie Holloman  
Executive Director

Once again it is time to pick a recipient for the prestigious Holmes/McBride Humanitarian Award.

The award is given in memory of two great men who were dedicated to the fair industry and touched our lives in special ways; James Holmes, Past-President of the Association and Manager of the Durham County Fair for many years and Woodie McBride, longtime Associate Member Concessionaire and Carnival Operator. James also worked as a decorator at many of our fairs and was on the planning and set-up committee for our conventions until he passed away. Woodie was best known for his eating joints at the State Fair and great hospitality suite (still being carried on by his family) at our State Convention. Both of these men helped many newcomers with their vast knowledge of the fair industry and always had a dollar to lend someone who was down.

In honor of the service rendered, the Holmes/McBride Award is given to an individual for distinguished achievement in, or contribution to, the Fair Industry.

Two awards are given, one for a Fair Member and one for an Associate Member. He/she must be a living member, or past member, of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs who has been consistently active in the fair industry for a number of years.

If you know someone who has served the fair industry well and is deserving of this award, please send completed form no later than **December 12, 2022** to: NCAOAF, PO Box 58220, Raleigh, NC 27658.

**REMEMBER, YOU CAN NOMINATE A FAIR MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER OR BOTH BY MAKING A COPY OF ATTACHED FORM.**

