**Benjamin F.DuBose**

**Maryland District Amateur Athletic Union**

**Overcoming Adversity Award**

The Overcoming Adversity Award was established in 2015 and is presented to a member of the community who has demonstrated integrity, courage, and determination in overcoming adversity after which he/she continued to make a unique contribution to their community. The award focuses on persons who have undergone a severe life’s circumstance, a life threatening organic disease or an impairing physical injury. During the battle to overcome, award recipient’s contribution to society must be exemplified by hard work and unselfish service. The award bears the name of Benjamin F. DuBose, who courageously battled cancer.

Benjamin survived cancer and today remains cancer free. He continues to contribute to society by providing sports programs to thousands of youth as Governor of the Maryland Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and Sports Director for Boys’ Basketball as well as providing free income tax services to members of the East Baltimore community.

#### Procedure & Awards

#### PROCEDURE:

* All nomination application forms should be filled out completely and signed by the nominating person.
* **The deadline for submission of the completed application is October 6, 2022.**
* All completed nomination forms shall be forwarded to the respective Banquet Chairperson, who will submit to the Benjamin F. DuBose Adversity Award Selection Committee for review.
* All information will be reviewed by the MD/BFD Adversity Award Selection Committee. This committee will make their recommendation to the Banquet Chairperson.
* The selection process will utilize criteria stated in the Award Description/Summary.
* Winners will be honored at the “Annual MD/AAU Outstanding Athletes, Coaches, and Volunteers Awards Banquet
* *(Incomplete essay may result in the nominee not being properly considered. If the space on this form is insufficient to input all comments, additional plain sheets of paper may be used as continuation sheets.)*
* “Neither race, color, creed nor religious affiliation” will be used to distinguish an athlete’s eligibility for nomination.

#### Award Description: The award is a two-year membership to the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), an AAU gold medal, a recognition award, and an invitation to the Maryland District’s Annual Awards Banquet.

**Applicant’s Essay**

Your essay should summarize the adversity you overcame, the struggles and courage associated with overcoming and the contributions made to society since.

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