

# Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Margery & William Barrett Public Service Award Guidelines

## ***Nominating Process***

Nominations are sought from individuals, members of the public, staff or board members of nonprofit organizations, community organizations or public agencies that provide services to the citizens of Adams, Cheshire or Savoy. Nominees should have made a significant contribution to the towns of Adams, Cheshire or Savoy by either breaking new ground or improving the economic, educational, civic, cultural or social fabric of the community. Nominees should be of generous spirit and evidence strong community commitment. Nominations may be made on behalf of self or another person.

## ***Awards***

The selected nominee will be asked to designate a nonprofit organization to receive a cash award of \$500 in his or her name.

## ***To Apply***

Complete the attached application form and send it to Berkshire Taconic along with:

A brief (two pages max.) narrative, which includes a detailed description and documentation of the nominee's achievements. Give evidence of the nominee's leadership, perseverance, innovation and impact on the community. Let us know of any significant challenges that the nominee has overcome to achieve his or her goals.

## ***Deadline***

Completed nominations must be received at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation by 5p.m. on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ***Notification***

The selected nominee will be informed of the Foundation's decision prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Review Process***

Nominations will be reviewed by the Margery and William Barrett Award Committee, a committee of residents active in community affairs appointed annually by Berkshire Taconic. Their recommendations will be approved by the Fund for Adams, Cheshire & Savoy Committee.

## ***Review Criteria***

The committee will review nominations according to the following criteria:

- Impact of the nominee's work on the community
- The nominee's leadership, perseverance and innovation

## ***Questions***

Please contact Maeve O'Dea, Program Director at [maeve@berkshiretaconic.org](mailto:maeve@berkshiretaconic.org) or by phone 413.229.0370.

## ***About the Award***

The Margery and William Barrettt Public Service Award is a project of the Fund for Adams, Cheshire and Savoy to acknowledge and support good citizenship among individuals in these communities. The Fund for Adams, Cheshire and Savoy was established at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in 1995 by Margery Barrett to support projects that enhance the quality of life for the residents in those communities.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

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The Margery and William Barrett Public Service Award was established in 2000 to commemorate the extraordinary generosity of Margery Barrett who gave over \$3 million during and after her lifetime to benefit the communities of Adams, Cheshire and Savoy.

The Barrett award is given annually to an individual who has given above and beyond the call of duty to the communities of Adams, Cheshire or Savoy through their paid or volunteer work. The announcement is made annually on June 30<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Mr. and Mrs. Barrett's wedding anniversary.

### ***About Margery Barrett***

Margery Barrett, who initiated The Fund for Adams, Cheshire and Savoy, was born on July 11, 1910 and moved to Adams as a child. She graduated from the former Adams High School in 1927 and from the former North Adams Normal School (now the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts) in 1929.

Mrs. Barrett was an integral part of the community she loved. She served as a teacher in both the Conway School System and former Howland Avenue School and later as a substitute teacher in Adams. She was a member of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church and of its guild, where she was president for six years, a member of its Altar Guild and a former Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of the Adams' Girls Club.

On June 30, 1934 she married William Barrett, with whom she shared her life in Adams until he died on February 4, 1969. She and William were both accomplished photographers. She was a member of the Photographic Society of America, the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, past president of the Northern Berkshire Camera Club, and past vice president of the New England Camera Club.

Margery Barrett died on April 3, 2000 at the age of 89.

### ***Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation***

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation builds stronger, more vibrant communities and improves the quality of life for all residents of Berkshire County, MA; Columbia County and northeast Dutchess County, NY; and northwest Litchfield County, CT. Since 1987, we have been an agent for positive change in the region we serve. In education, health care, basic human services, transportation, the arts, youth and senior programs—our grants touch all aspects of life and every person in the Berkshire Taconic region. Each year, we help thousands of donors achieve their philanthropic goals and hundreds of nonprofits carry on their good work. Berkshire Taconic is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and is proud to serve as steward for this fund.

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Margery and William Barrett  
Public Service Award Nomination Form

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Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How Long Have You Known the Nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

In What Capacity do You Know Him or Her? \_\_\_\_\_

Give the Names and Telephone Numbers of Two Additional References Who Would Support This Nomination.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach this form to the two-page narrative as described in the To Apply section of and forward it to the Berkshire Taconic offices by 5 p.m. May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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