

Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

KHSAA Form GE30
Rev. 4/03

Information about Nominee

Name:	DERRICK JOHNSON
Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>	
Address:	2501 BUCK LANE
City, State, Zip	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40511
Phone (list day and night)	

Information about person making nomination (list "self" if self-nominating)

Name:	MR. GENIE G. SIMS
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Important Information Needed for ALL Nominees. This information is important to the Selection Process in helping to ensure that the desired objectives with regard to the consideration of nominees and the induction process is satisfied. (Application will not be accepted without this information)

Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLAYER	<input type="checkbox"/> COACH	OFFICIAL	CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	7/24/1978
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Sex (circle one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	Female
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Is the nominee a minority (African American and others) as defined in 2(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
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If this person is being nominated as a Coach, please complete the following additional information-

Coached at which High School(s)	
Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

(over for remainder of application)

If this person is being nominated as an Athlete, please complete the following additional information-

High School Attended	HARRODSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation Year	1997
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	12TH REGION

If this person is being nominated as an Official, please complete the following additional information-

Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.
SEE ATTACHMENT

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.

I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.

Signature  Name (print) GENIE SIMS Date 7/1/2011

Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.

DERRICK JOHNSON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AN ATHLETE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Football

- In 1987 Derrick became nationally known when he became the FIRST – 3rd Grade student in the United States to play in a varsity High School Football Game.
- Was named to the Kentucky All-State Football teams in 1995 and 1996.
- Although older and a bit larger than his brother Dennis Johnson, Derrick sometimes had to play in the shadows of his younger brother.
- Because of his playing football as such a young age Derrick was quickly featured in the national spotlight – Articles featured in Sports Illustrated, the LA Times, ESPN and many other sports publications.
- Was recruited and signed by the University of Kentucky following his senior year at Harrodsburg High School
- Became a starting defensive tackle for the “Wildcats” and played in the Outback Bowl in 1999 and the Music City Bowl in 2000
- After his collegiate career he signed a contract with the Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League in 2001

Basketball

- Derrick played varsity basketball all four years of his high school career

Track and Field

- Johnson continued his success in Track and Field where he participated in the shot-put and discus

ACADEMICALLY

- Took College Prep Advance Course Work
- Qualified for NCAA as well as ACT

POST GRADUATION

- Married to Shayla Lynch Johnson, an attorney, from Hopkinsville, KY
- Employed as a financial planner with New York Life Insurance Co.

OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Dear Hall of Fame Committee:

It has been my privilege to know Derrick Johnson from the time he was born until present day. During that time I have known him both in his athletic, academic, social, personal, and professional capacities. It is my observation that as a student he is a dedicated individual able to perform his duties (homework, etc.) with the utmost efficiency and ability. He is innovative and dynamic in the classroom and on the athletic front he infuses other students and athletes by instilling in them an appetite for the joys of learning and hard work. He aides without reprimand, corrects without disparagement, and teaches by example and deed as well as through the use of textbook or playbook facts. He is extremely popular with everyone he knows and meets because they seek him out for his advice and counsel. This he gives without reservation, unselfishly and without condescension.

Even though Derrick played somewhat in the shadows of his younger brother, he was never discouraged about playing the game of football with a brother that was drawing more attention than he. He was and continues in support of his brother and the rest of his family to the fullest. He has a wonderful and warm sense of humor and always has a big smile on his face.

It is without reservation that I recommend Mr. Derrick Johnson as a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Mr. Genie G. Sims