

Enduring Tommie Award

THE AWARD

The **Enduring Tommie Award** is a dye-struck, enamel-filled medallion designed by James M. Hill Memorial High School students to recognize a member of the graduating class who best represents the indomitable Tommie spirit. The criteria and selection process were also designed by JMH students.

CRITERIA

The **Enduring Tommie Award** will be awarded each year at Graduation to one student from the graduating class who:

- is accepting of everyone,
- is friendly to all,
- possesses a positive attitude,
- is open minded,
- is popular in the sense that they are well regarded by everyone,
- possesses strong leadership skills (quietly lead by example),
- has marks that demonstrate they have worked to the best of their ability,
- has a history of involvement in one or more school activities (demonstrated strong commitment and work ethic),
- is involved in the community in some way (work or volunteerism), and
- has been a student at JMH for all four years of high school.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The **Enduring Tommie Award** recipient will be nominated as follows:

- A nomination can be made by any Tommie currently at JMH (student, teacher, admin, support staff, coaches) or a community member.
- The name of the person being nominated is **NOT** revealed on the nomination application (FORMS). Only the name of the person doing the nominating will be revealed. This will ensure that candidates are judged based on their deeds alone.
- Do not use nominees name when filling out this application form. For example, please use words like student, individual, person, they, recipient, classmate and/or teenager.
- **Nomination applications are available on the JMH website via [JMH ENDURING TOMMIE LINK](#) and must be completed by May 31st, 2024 to be considered.**

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Committee will consist of teachers from each department. The committee will determine the recipient of the **Enduring Tommie Award** from the pool of anonymous nominees using the following process:

- The committee will review all nominations and, using the criteria above, narrow the nominees to a short list of five (5).
- Once the final five have been selected the remainder of the process is completed by the teachers of the committee only.
- The persons who submitted the short-listed nominations will be invited to reveal the names of their nominations to the committee.
- Nominees will be invited to attend a “nomination conversation” with the committee whereupon further questions and clarification will be sought to help in the selection of the final candidate. (June 14th)
- Each candidate will be made aware that if chosen, they will be expected to address the class at graduation with a short thank you, but a speech is not expected nor required. Furthermore, if a student chooses to write a speech time will be allotted.
- Any of the final five candidates can decline to be considered for the medal. However, all five students who made the short list will be recognized prior to the announcement of the winner during the graduation ceremony.