



## Joe Kelly Unsung Hero Award Nomination Information

The Maryland Million Ltd. Board of Directors plans to give this award annually in honor of Joe Kelly. Joe was the first and only publicist for the Jim McKay Maryland Million Day racing program. As a close friend of founder Jim McKay, he was involved from the introduction of the concept in 1985 until his death in 2012. He was a mentor to writers, horsemen and fans alike, and loved our sport from his early days as a sports writer.

Your unsung hero candidate should embody characteristics that are valuable, but often go unrewarded. He or she should be honest, hardworking and humble. They should inspire and set a good example through their principles and actions. The unsung hero award recipient will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and be recognized at the Maryland Million Gala and on Jim McKay Maryland Million Day at Laurel Park.

### **Eligibility:**

Nominee must have-

- Demonstrated a particular commitment, impact or contribution to the Thoroughbred industry or equine community in general
- Been involved in the Thoroughbred industry in Maryland for at least five years

### **Your nomination should include two parts:**

- 1) Completed contact information and answers to questions on application form.
- 2) A recommendation letter expanding on the reasons why you are nominating this person. The letter should outline in 500 words or less such things as:
  - Areas of expertise or areas in which the nominee excels
  - Why the nominee is worthy of this recognition

**NOTE: Nominees that are not selected this year will be considered again in future years. Please do not nominate the same person more than one time.**

**Nominations due October 1st**

**Return the completed form and your letter of recommendation to:**  
Maryland Million Ltd., Attn: Jordyn Egan, P.O. Box 365, Timonium, MD 21094  
Or email documents to [jordyn@marylandthoroughbred.com](mailto:jordyn@marylandthoroughbred.com)

**Due October 1st – This form must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation**

1) **Nominee** contact information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

2) **Nominator** contact information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the following questions about the Nominee (in addition to the recommendation letter). Please use a separate page if more space is required.**

- 3) How long has he/she been involved in the Thoroughbred industry?
- 4) What kinds of programs or activities are they working on?
- 5) How many people has their work helped?
- 6) How have their efforts benefited the equine community?
- 7) Has their work inspired others to participate in the Thoroughbred industry?
- 8) What makes them stand out?

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May also submit via email - [jordyn@marylandthoroughbred.com](mailto:jordyn@marylandthoroughbred.com)**