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**Richard J. Catalon, Sr. Creole Heritage Award  
Nomination Application**

**Deadline: May 24, 2024**

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Vermilionville is now accepting nominees for the *Richard J. Catalon Sr. Creole Heritage Award*. This prestigious award was established in 2004 honoring one of the museum's first artisans, Richard J. Catalon, Sr. For over ten years Mr. Catalon worked in the Carpenter's house and regaled many visitors from around the world with the Creole history, often in his fluent French Creole language. The award honors contributions made by individuals of Lafayette Parish who actively promote the advancement of the Creole Culture, through language, food, art, music, dance, education, and traditions. Individuals who demonstrate any of the following characteristics should apply or be nominated:

- Ambassador or Promoter of the Creole Culture or heritage;
- Involvement in local cultural organization(s);
- Depicting character values as a role model for future generations.

The award will be given on June 9, 2024 at the Vermilionville Creole Culture Day Celebration.

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## **I. Nominee Contact Information**

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## **II. Nominator's Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**III. Evidence of the Nominee meeting the desired characteristics required for this award. Discuss or describe how you demonstrate the following criteria:**

**A. Ambassador or Promoter of the Creole Culture and Heritage**

*that advances the awareness of the Creole Culture and assist in the preservation of the Creole traditions and history.*

**B. Involvement in local cultural organization(s);**

**Participate in local organizations that demonstrate efforts to** *promote the Creole culture in the community thru community projects, presentations, or education.*

**C. Individual Depicting Character Values for Future Generations**

*that demonstrate such virtues as prudence, charity, patience, role model, temperament, respect, determination, and hope to future generations.*

**Please return completed application by May 24, 2024:**

Vermilionville, Director  
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