



## Dr. Julian Davidson Leadership in Missile Defense and Space Technology Award Nomination Form

**Background.** Dr. Julian Davidson distinguished himself as one of the renowned experts in missile defense research with a career that has spanned over forty years. Dr. Davidson's career with the U.S. Government culminated with his position as the Deputy Program Manager of Ballistic Missile Defense. He was the first Director of the Advanced Ballistic Missile Defense Agency responsible for all U.S. BMD advanced technology development. While director, Dr. Davidson pioneered the use of System Engineering for Ballistic Missile Defense.

Dr. Davidson founded Davidson Technologies in 1996, dedicating his company to providing high-quality engineering and technical services to defense and aerospace customers. Dr. Davidson envisioned a company that would be customer focused and solution oriented, all within an atmosphere that attracts and retains quality professionals with extensive technical knowledge. After Dr. Davidson's passing in 2013, his wife Dr. Dorothy Davidson stepped in to run the company as a woman-owned small business. Her business acumen and engineering background provided a seamless transition and offered a new and exciting vision for growth.

Dr. and Dr. Davidson were active in the community for more than 25 years, providing time and resources in support of organizations, including the Huntsville Museum of Art, where they funded the construction of the Davidson Center for the Arts, the Huntsville Symphony, the Saturn V Restoration Executive Committee, the US Space and Rocket Center, the National Children's Advocacy Center, Calhoun Community College, Auburn University School of Engineering, Auburn University Museum of Art, Cook Museum in Decatur, and the Huntsville Botanical Garden, among others.

Upon Dr. Julian Davidson's death in January 2013, Dr. Dorothy Davidson developed this award to honor her husband and recognize defense industry entrepreneurs that emulate his work, dedication and devotion to America's and the Army's Space and Missile Defense efforts, his entrepreneurial spirit, community and educational involvement, and the greater Huntsville community.

The Dr. Julian Davidson Leadership in Missile Defense and Space Technology Award is presented at the Space and Missile Defense Symposium held in Huntsville during the first week in August.

**Nominations and Award Process.** Nominations are accepted throughout the year and the award is chosen by the 3 Space and Missile Defense Symposium Sponsors, NDIA, ADAA, and ASMDA. Nominations are submitted by completing and submitting [the form](#) below. They must be received by 1 May to be considered for the Symposium scheduled for August of same years. Nominees not selected will be reconsidered each year thereafter.

Nominees must have an entrepreneurial background and demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in areas listed on the following pages.

Contributions to Business growth in the areas of Space, Missiles and Aviation Technology.

Contributions to the community.

Contributions Oriented toward the Education of the community in Space, Missiles, and Aviation.

Recognition by Industry, academia, and Government for excellence.

[Nomination form](#)