



### **Alaska Homicide Victim Memorial Eligibility Criteria**

1. Names must be submitted by a family member.
2. The homicide must have occurred in the state of Alaska.
3. The homicide must have occurred within the past 10 years.
4. Law enforcement must determine that the case was homicide.
5. The deceased person must have been an innocent victim of homicide.

### **FAQs:**

**Why can't someone other than a family member submit a name?** This ensures that the wishes of the victim's next-of-kin are respected. Exemptions can be made on a case-by-case basis. If you want to add your loved one's name to the wall but you are not a family member, please call our office and ask to speak to an advocate: 907-278-0977.

**Why is there a requirement that the crime happened within the past 10 years?** There are two reasons:

1. There is limited space on the memorial pillars.
2. This time frame ensures that the memorial wall remains relevant to the community and the families affected by recent acts of homicide. By focusing on more recent incidents, the memorial wall can effectively capture the current impact of these tragedies and provide a meaningful space for remembrance.

**Are there any exemptions to the 10-year deadline?** The only exemption are cases where the death occurred over 10 years ago, but law enforcement did not consider the case a homicide until sometime within the past 10 years.

**What is your definition of an innocent victim?** The victim should not have been involved in any illegal or criminal activity at the time of the incident. The victim should not have been the aggressor in the incident.

**Why is it required that law enforcement determine the case is a homicide?** We understand that families may want to memorialize individuals whom they believe were victims of homicide, even if law enforcement did not determine it as a homicide; however, this requirement helps to maintain the integrity and purpose of the homicide memorial. If you believe your loved one was the victim of homicide, but law enforcement determined that they died from another cause such as suicide, overdose, or other suspicious death, we encourage you to call our office and ask to speak to an advocate: 907-278-0977.

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