

## Hip Hop Brief Entry Deadline Draws Near for 2007 HUF Awards

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The Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation (TASF) and The Mablean Ephriam Foundation have come together to host the annual Honoring Unsung Fathers (H.U.F.) Awards and Brunch, a celebration that recognizes nurturing father-figures who play a vital role in their children's everyday lives. A call for nominations is underway for the Father's Day-themed event, which will take place at 2:00PM on Sunday, June 10th at the Omni Hotel at the CNN Center in Atlanta, GA.

Established to bring attention and recognition to everyday fathers who maintain a lifestyle that exemplifies love toward their children, family and community, the H.U.F. Awards reflects the TASF's spirit and vision and is also the brainchild of Judge Mablean Ephriam.

Afeni Shakur, mother of the late hip hop icon and rapper Tupac Shakur (2Pac) and founder and CEO of the TASF is proud to partner with the Mablean Ephriam Foundation to present the 2nd Annual H.U.F. Awards.

"It is very important for us all to make an effort to stress the importance of fatherhood in our society," Afeni says. "We need to recognize those fathers who go the extra mile in helping their children be successful. Our hearts are always touched by the efforts of these responsible men who are positive role-models for their children. This special event is our way of celebrating these fathers."

The 2007 H.U.F. Award nominations are open to positive fathers and father-figures who make unique efforts to play an active role in their children's development. Although there is one winner for each category, every nominated father who attends the gala will be recognized.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from [www.hufawards.com](http://www.hufawards.com) [www.tasf.org](http://www.tasf.org) or contact Mr. Tre'Mayne (Tre') Maxie at 404-298-2227.

All nomination forms must be submitted and completed by Friday, May 11, 2007 at 12 p.m.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to extend love to these remarkable men," says Judge Mablean. "If you know a father that loves and respects his wife or is dedicated to his children,

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take a moment to nominate them for a 2007 H.U.F. Award.

Five awards will be presented during the 2007 H.U.F. Awards to a single father (Solo Warrior), married father (Love Cares), divorced father (Fatherhood Forever), non-biological father (Village Dad) and a senior father (Living Legacy).

The Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation and the Mablean Ephriam Foundation are both dedicated to encouraging responsible and nurturing parents and recognizing them for successful accomplishments in the field of fatherhood.

About the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation:

The TASF was established in 1997 by Ms. Afeni Shakur, mother of the late hip hop and social icon Tupac Shakur (2Pac). Striving to keep Tupac's dream alive, Afeni created the Foundation to give young people self-esteem and a chance to excel in the arts and in life.

TASF offers year-round classes for young people interested in the performing arts as well as many other programs that give children life-long skills and knowledge. The H.U.F. awards are just another reflection of Tupac's vision. For more information about TASF visit [www.tasf.org](http://www.tasf.org) . Also visit the only Official Tupac Shakur web site on the net at [www.2PacLegacy.com](http://www.2PacLegacy.com)

About Judge Mablean Ephriam:

Judge Mablean has been involved in family law for over 25 years. She has served as an attorney, mediator and judge pro-tem. Ephriam was the captain on VH1's reality television show, "Celebrity Fit Club" where she gained more recognition. Since her departure from Divorce Court, she has been on a speaking circuit traveling throughout the country to inspire, share and

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