The Public Education and Awareness Award is for increasing interest in historic preservation. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, media, newsletters, publications, interpretation, original research, educational programs and special events which have substantially increased public understanding and awareness of historic preservation at the local, regional or state level.

The Preservation Merit Award is for preserving Ohio’s prehistory, history, architecture or culture. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, restoring, rehabilitating or otherwise preserving an important building or site, longtime stewardship of a property, promoting protective legislation, funding preservation projects, offering leadership, support or service, and furthering preservation at the local, regional or state level.
ELIGIBILITY
People, organizations, businesses and public agencies are eligible for the awards. There may be more than one award in each category. Employees and trustees of the Ohio History Connection and members of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board are not eligible for the awards.

NOMINATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
Anyone may submit a nomination for the awards. Review the two categories, fill out the nomination form and submit it to the State Historic Preservation Office.

The selection committee does not know as much about the project or achievement you are nominating as you do, so explain it as clearly as you can. Extra visuals often help, especially in the case of rehabilitation and restoration projects. If you submit video documentation, it should be no more than 10 minutes long unless the video itself is being nominated for an award.

Federally-funded or -licensed projects must be in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Rehabilitations or restorations must, in the opinion of the selection committee, meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation (see adjacent column).

DEADLINE
Nominations must be posted to Dropbox or postmarked by June 1.

SELECTION
Winners in each category will be chosen by a selection committee comprising members of the governor-appointed Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board and the State Historic Preservation Office staff.

PRESENTATION
Awards will be presented at an autumn special event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
For questions, contact our office via email at shpo@ohiohistory.org or write:
State Historic Preservation Office Awards
State Historic Preservation Office
Ohio History Connection
800 E. 17th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211-2474

Nomination forms are also available online. Visit ohiohistory.org/hpawards

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR’S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION

1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.

5. Distinctive features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.

6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.

7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.

8. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.
Awards

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

CATEGORY:

☐ Public Education and Awareness  ☐ Preservation Merit

NOMINEE:

First Name

Last Name

Organization

Title

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Area Code/Telephone

Area Code/Fax

Email

Use this field to list additional co-nominees and their contact information:

CO-NOMINEE:

First Name

Last Name

Organization

Title

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Area Code/Telephone

Area Code/Fax

Email

PROJECT NAME:

List the project name including a physical address if the nomination is for a rehabilitation or restoration project.

Name

Address

City/State/Zip Code
ACHIEVEMENT:
Explain your nominee’s achievement. Remember that the selection committee may not be familiar with your project. Describe the people involved and how this project could be a model for other communities. Those who made a significant contribution to its success, including major contractors, can be listed as co-nominees. You may enclose clippings, brochures, or other materials. Submitted materials will not be returned. (attached additional pages a needed)

BACKGROUND:
If you are nominating an individual, please provide a brief biographical sketch. If you are nominating an organization, business or agency, briefly describe it. (attached additional pages a needed)

ENCLOSE:
- Enclose a copy of any book, periodical, film, videotape, survey, plan, legislation or other material that you are nominating for an award.
- Submit a minimum of five 300 dpi JPEG images to illustrate your nomination. To nominate individuals or groups, send JPEG images that portray achievements for which they are being nominated. In the case of projects involving work to buildings, submit as many images as possible, including architectural drawings and multiple before and after images. Nominations without digital images will be considered incomplete.
- For nominations with many images, post images directly to Dropbox and share with tharrah@ohiohistory.org
- For nominations with 10 or fewer images, use the images worksheet to add images.

Nomination must be posted no later than June 1

POST THE COMPLETED NOMINATION and images, or images worksheet, to Dropbox and share with tharrah@ohiohistory.org

OR:

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