



Minnesota History Awards Nomination Form

The Minnesota History Awards

The Minnesota History Awards were created by the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums to honor the excellent work performed in Minnesota's public history community. The intention of the program is to give due recognition to the organizations and individuals responsible for these programs. From exhibitions to organizational capacity building, Minnesota has been a national leader in public history but has never had a sanctioned awards program to identify this work. In addition to highlighting those who have achieved excellence, the program intends to use the example of winners to show the rest of our peers how it can be done, hopefully raising the quality of everyone's work.

The Alliance's Mission:

The purpose of the Alliance shall be to nurture and encourage an appreciation of the local history of the state of Minnesota by providing the structure to foster collaborative local history projects, communicate curatorial and educational information, and encourage professionalism among local and specialized historical organizations in Minnesota.

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How to Apply:

Category Selection:

- **Public Programs:** Exhibitions, special events, educational programs, and public celebrations that set themselves apart from the rest of the state will be recognized.
- **Publications:** Print publications, such as books and magazines, will share the spotlight with newsletters and web sites. Anything published for public consumption is eligible for nomination in this category.
- **Behind-the-Scenes:** Too often the work that goes on behind the scenes is not given its proper due, even though it might help you meet your mission. A successful fundraising campaign, preservation project, or new set of policies that allows an organization to move forward in a manner they had not known before needs to be recognized to set an example for the rest of the state's organizations.
- **Minnesota Sesquicentennial:** In honor of the state's 150th anniversary, we will recognize, for one-time only, projects and programs specifically intended to celebrate Minnesota's sesquicentennial. Many organizations and individuals planned and executed unique programs that educated the public about Minnesota's rich history. Many of these projects preserved the state's history in a way not seen before.
- Choose the appropriate category. If the project can be logically nominated in more than one category, just pick the category that best fits. The Minnesota Sesquicentennial category is a one-time only category. **All nominated projects must have been completed by and introduced to the public, if appropriate, between January 1 and December 31, 2008.**

Completely fill out all contact information

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Individual/Organizational Statement

- In 300 words or less, tell us about the organization. Tells about its mission, how long it has been in existence, where it operates, and more. If appropriate, share the credentials of the individuals who organized and managed the project. Use this section to introduce your organization to the Selection Committee.
- Individuals should share their credentials and qualifications for their project.

Nomination Statement

- Describe the project in 750 words or less. Tells us what the goal of the project was, how those goals were accomplished, and what type of planning was involved. Describe why the program is worthy of recognition and is of high caliber.

Project Impact

- In 500 words or less, describe how the project had a positive impact on the public, and the organization(s) involved. How did the public benefit from this?



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In addition to filling out the form, please include the following additional materials:

Two letters of critical testimony. REQUIRED

- *These letters should come from outside of the nominating party and need to address the scholarly quality of the project and its impact on the public. It is suggested that the letters come from museum or public history professionals or their equivalents given the nature of the project.*

The organization's most recent annual report. REQUIRED

- *Annual reports can be useful in giving the awards committee a better understanding of the nominated organization. In the case of an individual being nominated, include a resume or curriculum vitae.*

Photographs of the project. REQUIRED

- *Photos can be extremely valuable in evaluating a nominated project. Depending on the project, before and after images can be helpful.*

One copy of the publication. REQUIRED

- *If submitting a nomination in the publication category, one copy of said publication is required for review. In the event of an electronic publication, a copy on a CD will be acceptable. For web based publications, please include the URL of the publication and 5-10 sample pages in hard copy format.*

Media Coverage. OPTIONAL

- *Any clippings, recordings, or additional media coverage can be used by the committee in evaluating the project and its impact on the community.*

Send five copies of the completed form along with additional materials to:

Minnesota History Awards Selection Committee

c/o Todd Mahon

Anoka County Historical Society

2135 Third Avenue North

Anoka, MN 55303

Questions?

Call Todd Mahon, Alliance President, at (763) 421-0600

The deadline to receive nomination materials is July 15, 2009. The winners will be announced by September 15, 2009 and a presentation will be made at the Alliance's annual meeting in October.



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Select a Category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Publications	<input type="checkbox"/> Behind-the-Scenes	<input type="checkbox"/> MN Sesquicentennial
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Project Name: _____

Nominee(s) Name(s): _____

Official Contact Information:

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone, Fax, Email: _____

Individual/Organization Statement (300 words or less):



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