

Loren Horton Community History Award

Nomination Guidelines

The Loren Horton Community History Award recognizes the best project that increases awareness and participation in Iowa history on a local level. It is named in honor of Loren Horton, who represented the State Historical Society of Iowa in many capacities from 1973 until his retirement in 1996. As the Society's Field Services Coordinator, and later as senior historian, Horton's work brought him in close contact with many local historical organizations.

The award will recognize an individual, group, or organization whose outstanding local history project was completed during the prior calendar year. Nominated projects may incorporate any or all of the following categories:

- Outstanding program or event
- Outstanding use of volunteers
- Outstanding project related to a museum, library, archives, historic preservation or educational activity
- Outstanding research or publication
- Outstanding youth project

Several criteria will be used to select the award winner. Nominees shall have completed a local history project that:

- Encourages collaboration and support from a cross-section of individuals and groups in the community
- Increases awareness and appreciation for local or community history
- Promotes future interest in the history of the community and continues to generate enthusiasm and provides long-term protection of community history, whether tangible or intangible

One Loren Horton Community History Award is given annually. In addition to the overall award, one Certificate of Recognition may be presented in each of the categories.

State Historical Society of Iowa employees and Board of Trustees members are not eligible to receive the award.

To nominate an individual, group or organization, complete the nomination form on the next page and send to:

State Historical Society of Iowa
Attn: Iowa History Awards
600 E Locust St.
Des Moines, IA 50319
meg.witt@iowa.gov

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Nominee Information (Required)

Individual/Group/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Nominator's Information (Required)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

In addition to the overall award winner, the Loren Horton Community History Awards program issues one Certificate of Recognition in each of the categories listed below. Indicate which categories were incorporated in the project. Check all that apply.

- Outstanding program or event
- Outstanding use of volunteers
- Outstanding project related to a museum, library, archives, historic preservation or educational activity
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Project Summary

Please describe how the project increased awareness and appreciation of your local or community history.

Please describe how the project promoted future interest in the history of the community, how it will continue to generate enthusiasm and how the project provides long term protection of your community history.

Please describe how the project specifically encouraged collaboration and support from a cross-section of individuals and groups in the community.

Please provide a high-quality color photograph illustrating any aspect of the nominated project (photos may be submitted via email). Recipients of the Loren Horton Community History Award will be recognized at a ceremony and the submitted photograph may be used at the ceremony.

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