

## **William J. Petersen & Edgar R. Harlan Lifetime Achievement Award**

### **Nomination Guidelines**

The William J. Petersen/Edgar R. Harlan Award recognizes an individual, group or organization that has made significant long-term or continuing contributions to Iowa history. It is named in honor of two legends at the State Historical Society of Iowa, William J. Petersen and Edgar R. Harlan.

William J. Petersen, long-time curator of the State Historical Society, was known for his book, *Steamboating on the Mississippi*, thus earning him the nickname "Steamboat Bill."

Edgar R. Harlan served as the second director and curator of the Historical Department of Iowa and played a key role in acquiring many of the museum's most important collections.

The following criteria will be used to select the winner of this prestigious award:

- Create a significant body of work
- Demonstrate professionalism in work
- Influence Iowans' perceptions of themselves

One William J. Petersen/Edgar R. Harlan Award may be given annually. Should a worthy nomination not be received the award may not be given.

State Historical Society of Iowa employees and Board of Trustees members are not eligible to receive the award for a period of three years following the end of their tenure. Special considerations may apply.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator's Information (Required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

On the following page, please provide a **detailed** description of the significant long-term or continuing contributions the nominee has made to Iowa history. Provide enough information for the review and selection committee to judge the work against the criteria in the nomination guidelines. Use additional pages as needed.

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**Nomination Form – Detailed Description**

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