



2019 Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards

In New York State, preservation and reuse of our historic buildings is fundamental to the economic revitalization of our cities, towns, and villages. The restoration of our historic neighborhoods, Main Streets, and underutilized buildings continues to create jobs, provide housing, promote tourism, stimulate private investment, and conserve energy, resources, and open space. Our annual Awards program allows us to highlight projects that offer new examples of best practices in historic preservation.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the preservation of New York State's unique built and natural environment by submitting a nomination. Previous award winners can be found on our [website](#).

CRITERIA

Selection of Award winners will be guided by the following general criteria, which may not apply equally to each category:

1. Degree of difficulty of problems or threats faced, and the creativity and appropriateness of the solutions applied.
2. Impact of leader, program, organization or project on the community, region or state.
3. Degree of imaginative and resourceful collaborative efforts among individuals, communities, organizations, project leaders and consultants.
4. Project design sensitivity to the historic character and fabric of the property, and degree of preservation or restoration achieved.
5. Project execution representing the best preservation practice and use of appropriate techniques.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be electronically submitted by Thursday, February 14, 2019, and must include the nomination form and all supporting materials, as specified. **Early submissions are appreciated.** Eligible nominations will be evaluated by the Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards Jury, which is appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Preservation League. All nominators will be notified of the status of their nomination by April 1, 2019. The awards will be presented on May 9, 2019.

ELIGIBILITY

All nominations must have been executed in New York State, and must have been completed between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2019. Historic resources need not be listed in the State or National Registers of Historic Places, but resources must have demonstrated historic or architectural significance.

PROJECTS

Applauds outstanding preservation, restoration or rehabilitation projects completed by architects, landscape architects, engineers, planners, developers, preservationists or property owners. Nominated projects may include but need not be limited to landscapes, buildings, Main Streets, rural resources, and private residences. Nominated projects need not be listed on or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, but [The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#) with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings should be reflected in the nominated work. The Standards are neither technical nor prescriptive but are intended to promote responsible preservation practices that help protect our Nation's irreplaceable cultural resources.

ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

Honors municipalities, community groups, nonprofit organizations and neighborhood associations whose advocacy, public awareness, publications, legal battles and other preservation efforts have demonstrated heroic dedication to New York's historic resources.

INDIVIDUALS

Recognizes creative, inspirational leaders whose efforts have encouraged the protection of historic resources and strengthened the historic preservation movement in New York State. The Individual Award celebrates government officials, community leaders, local business owners, journalists and other dedicated individuals who have succeeded in protecting New York's heritage.

PUBLICATIONS

Acknowledges exceptional published surveys, historic structure or landscape reports, histories, brochures, technical briefs or other preservation publications that have been instrumental in successful preservation projects.

The Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards Jury reserves the right not to make an award in any particular category.

Frequently Asked Questions

- There is no nomination fee for the Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards.
- Self-nominations are allowed and encouraged.
- The *official contact* will receive notification of the jury's decision by postal mail.
- The *contact person* will work with League staff should the nomination be successful.
- Supplemental materials such as newsletters and press coverage are optional and may be included in the nomination packet.
- Incomplete nominations will not be considered by the Awards Jury.

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Please submit the following:

- The completed Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards 2019 Nomination Form (pdf).
- The items below in this order as a single pdf document called “*(name of your nominee)* Narrative and Supporting Documents”
 - A one- to two-page narrative explaining why the nominee deserves statewide recognition. Describe the challenges overcome, unique strategies used, efforts to incorporate green or sustainable practices, positive impact on the community and overall contribution to historic preservation (Additional images and captions may be included after the two-page narrative.)
 - Two letters of support, specific to the criteria for judging, from people who are familiar with the nominee. Letters from local historic preservation organizations, if available, are encouraged.
 - A list of photo credits.
 - A complete list of names, emails, and mailing addresses for all key persons involved with the project, organization or advocacy effort.
 - A list of any Federal or State programs which provided financial assistance to the project.
 - A list of any other awards or honors received by the nominated subject.
- Five (5) photos as attachments. At least five high-resolution digital images, each titled with the name of the nominated project. Digital images must be submitted in the form of JPEG files, file sizes between 500k and 1MB. Before and after images showing the preservation process are encouraged.

SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION

Once you have compiled your nomination materials, visit [2019 Award Nomination](#) and complete the information on the screen to ensure proper routing of your nomination.

Then, upload the following:

- A completed nomination form (pdf);
- A single pdf that contains the Narrative and Supporting Materials;
- (5) *separate* high-resolution digital images.

The uploads should look similar to this:



Upload files by dragging them from your desktop into the box that says “Choose files or drag here” or by clicking it, to select files on your computer drive.

Once you’ve filled out the online form and added all your files, click the “I’m not a robot” box and press the gray “Submit” button.

We wish you the best of luck with your nomination!

For further information, contact the Preservation League by [e-mail](#) or at 518-462-5658 x18.