



GOVERNOR JOHN B. SWAINSON

AWARD

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Job Title _____ Agency _____

Contribution to Preserving Michigan's History _____

Your Name _____

Agency _____ Phone _____

Supporting documentation is welcome.

The **Governor John B. Swainson Award** will be given in the spring of 2012. Nominations must be received by April 1, 2012. Mail your nomination to:

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PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

Preserving Michigan's history often depends on the extra efforts of government employees whose primary function does not involve history, but who nonetheless recognize their agency's potential to preserve significant portions of the physical record of Michigan's past. The purpose of the John B. Swainson Award is to recognize significant contributions to the preservation of Michigan's past (archaeology, archives, artifacts, stories, historic architecture and landscapes) by such governmental employees or their agencies, at the state, county, municipal or township level.

ELIGIBILITY

- A. The nominee shall be any individual or agency at a state, county, municipal or township level who has materially contributed to the preservation of Michigan's past **even though such activities are not directly a part of their job or function.** The award may recognize significant contributions in such areas as legislation, publicity, advocacy, restoration or long-term fiscal support. **Not eligible: Employees of universities, employees or volunteers of local historical societies, elected officials, professional archaeologists, archivists, historians, architects and curators.** Teachers (with exceptions noted above) are eligible.
- B. The award can be for a specific accomplishment or for service over the long-term or a career.
- C. Nominations for the award will be accepted throughout the year. All nominations received by April 1, 2012, will be considered by the Michigan Historical Commission at its next regular meeting. Awards will be presented in the spring of 2012 in a public ceremony.

SAMPLE OF PREVIOUS AWARDS

Previous Governor John B. Swainson Awards have been presented to:

- An MDOT employee who rearranged work on a construction project when a plank road was uncovered so that parts of it could be studied and preserved.
- A State Police trooper who conducted oral histories, collected photographs and documents and wrote a history of the Michigan State Police.
- A Department of Natural Resources recreation specialist who lead efforts to preserve and interpret historic properties on Lime Island.
- A cemetery sexton who preserved his community's history through writing, speaking and the creation of a museum.
- A fire department employee who organized the restoration of a historic engine.