



GOVERNOR WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN • ELIZABETH S. ADAMS • FRANK J. KELLEY

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

To commemorate, in part, the Centennial of the Michigan Historical Commission, the Commission established the Milliken/Adams/Kelley award. Specifically on June 20, 2013 the Commission chose to:

Create a new, signature award for lengthy and/or visionary public service to the cause of Michigan history, relying on recognition of the distinguished careers of William G. Milliken/Elizabeth S. Adams/Frank J. Kelley, and honoring individuals who have taken what Governor Milliken described as “the long view of what is best for the state and its cultural resources.”

The purpose of the William G. Milliken/Elizabeth S. Adams/Frank J. Kelley Award is to recognize significant contributions to the preservation, understanding and/or promotion of Michigan's history by individuals through lengthy and/or visionary service.

ELIGIBILITY

- A. The nominee shall be any individual or agency who has materially contributed to the preservation, understanding and/or promotion of Michigan's history. The award may recognize significant contributions in such areas as legislation, publicity, advocacy, restoration, public history programming, or long-term fiscal support.
- B. The award is for service over the long-term or for a visionary approach to preserving Michigan's history. The nominee needs to demonstrate lengthy and/or visionary public service to the cause of Michigan history.
- C. Nominations must be made by a third party.
- D. Nominations for the award will be accepted throughout the year. All nominations received by March 1, will be considered by the Michigan Historical Commission at its next regular meeting. Awards will be presented in the spring at a public ceremony.
- E. Current commissioners and staff members of the Michigan Historical Commission are not eligible for nomination.

NOMINATING PROCESS

- A. Nominators complete the nomination form (describes nominee and the reason for the nomination) and are encouraged to attach supporting information.
- B. Nominations may be submitted to the Commission by current Michigan Historical Commission members or by any other person. Nominations made by those outside of the Michigan

Historical Commission must be supported by two other individuals, with a letter of support attached. Nominations made by current Commissioners do not require additional letters of support.

- C. Nominators may submit no more than one nomination per year.

SELECTION PROCESS

- A. A committee of the Commission will review nominations and select potential award winners. This may require additional information from the nominator and potentially the nominee.
- B. Included in the selection process will be the breadth of the nominee's contribution to Michigan history as well as the ability to make this an event. Factors to consider would include whether the recipient, or appropriate representative in the event of a posthumous award, would participate in the ceremony.
- C. Efforts will be made to ensure a diverse pool of nominees and recipients.
- D. The committee will present the potential award winners at a full Commission meeting for final approval.
- E. The President of the Michigan Historical Commission will manage the notification of the award to the recipient(s) and determine the necessary arrangements for the award ceremony.
- F. The President of the Michigan Historical Commission will manage the written notification to nominators informing them of Commission determination.

For a Nomination Form and More Information please go to:

www.michigan.gov/mhcommission

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