



2025 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

(To recognize a person or non-construction project, use the Leadership Award form, available [on our website](#))

Submission Deadline: May 19, 2025; Awards will be presented October 16, 2025

Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards are an annual celebration of excellence that began in 1979. Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth's only membership-based, private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving Pennsylvania's historic places through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, and advisory assistance.

ELIGIBILITY

- Five-year window: Projects nominated for awards must have been *substantially completed* between June 1, 2020 and June 1, 2025.
- National Register eligibility is not a requirement for submission.
- All work must demonstrate good preservation practices.
- Homeowner, municipal, and historic district infill projects are welcomed.
- Properties owned and/or maintained by Preservation Pennsylvania are not eligible.

SPECIAL FOCUS AWARD

Ralph Modjeski Award for Excellence in Transportation Design, Preservation or Archaeology - For an exceptional effort within the transportation field that results in an improvement in transportation systems while respecting and preserving the best practices of compatible design and historic preservation principles.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

Construction Awards honor **outstanding examples** of

- Private/Homeowner/Small business rehabilitation
- Restoration
- Rehabilitation
- Infill/new construction in a historic district
- Documentation (pre-construction)

Examples of possible submissions: a small business owner's facade restoration; adaptive reuse of an old building for affordable housing; a homeowner's sensitive update of a neglected building; or a rehabilitation of a white elephant property for a new use.

Nominations are welcome from architecture firms, contractors, CRM consultants, developers, municipalities, small business owners and homeowners. Nominations should include information about the resource's history; significance in the local culture or community; any listing in local or national historic districts, or inclusion within the boundaries of a designated heritage area. If an adaptive re-use project, please indicate the building's original use.

The work should follow good preservation practices. All information submitted should demonstrate how the work was undertaken in a way that respects, preserves, and maintains the resource's historic character and integrity. Please describe what makes this project exceptional and worthy of statewide recognition.

PLEASE NOTE: *The award is given to the PROJECT rather than individual architects/engineers/consultants.*

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be submitted as digital documents (PDFs and JPGs). Email as attachments to preservationpennsylvania@gmail.com (Send as attachments or provide a link to a folder on Google Drive, Dropbox, WeTransfer, etc.)

Tell us the story of your project and what makes it exceptional.

A complete nomination will include the following items.

- Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards Application (see below)
- 250-300 word summary of the building's significance, project's impact, work innovations, community impact, what makes the project exemplary.
- Two-page MAXIMUM narrative summarizing the project; what challenges did you face, how were they met, what discoveries were made, how will this work make a difference, what were the preservation lessons learned, what makes this project award-worthy?
- Optional addition: Summarize the project's adherence to good preservation practices. (No more than 2 pages). DO NOT submit full drawings and/or specifications.
- No more than 14 hi-res digital photographs (PNG, JPGs only; files should be at least 1mb in size. *NO image PDFs, no text over the image.*) One page photo key with titles and credits is helpful.
- \$25 application fee. *ONE nomination FREE for members of Preservation Pennsylvania.* Link to pay application fee is on the Awards Page. If you are a member or become a member, please send an email to info@preservationpa.org for your unique link.

Photography Requirements

- Photographs should be high quality (1MB minimum, no more than 4MB per photograph).
- No more than 14 photographs may be submitted. At least 3 images should contain people or show the project in use. Historic photographs are also encouraged.
- Show us various aspects of the project: before and after taken from the same angle, overall exterior and interior shots. Significant architectural details should be included.
- Please do not overlay text or paste into a Word document. Additional information, credits and captions should be provided in a photo key page. (Or if you do, please ALSO submit as individual hi-res image files.)
- Please ensure you have rights to the submitted photographs, and you grant Preservation Pennsylvania permission to use them for non-commercial purposes.

Additional Requirements

- Applications must be received by Preservation Pennsylvania by the deadline of 11:59pm on June 18, 2024.
- All application materials become the property of Preservation Pennsylvania and will not be returned.
- Preservation Pennsylvania retains the right to exhibit and/or publish the application materials, including photographs, in furthering preservation and educational goals.

Evaluation and Selection

- Nominations will be evaluated by a committee of peers in the fields of architecture, archaeology, and historic preservation.
- Based on their knowledge and experience, the committee may consider projects not formally nominated. The committee may also move applications between categories as appropriate.
- There is no requirement or presumption that there will be an award given in each of the listed categories.

Notification

All applicants will be notified regardless of the decision. The award event will take place October 16, 2025.

Questions?

Contact Mindy Crawford mcrawford@preservationpa.org

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Email material (or a link) to
preservationpennsylvania@gmail.com

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

- Residential (private/homeowner)
- Rehabilitation
- Restoration
- Infill/New construction in a historic district

Nominated Project

Building/Project Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____ County _____

Owner of Project/Building

Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____

E- mail _____

Is the owner aware of this nomination? _____

Nominator (if different than owner)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____

E- mail _____

Project Architect/Engineer/Consultants (attached a separate sheet if necessary)**Company Name** _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Oversight/Funding

Was the project reviewed by a HARB? _____

What federal/state programs provided financial assistance to the project? (Check all that apply):

- Keystone Grant
- Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit
- Federal Historic Tax Credit
- PA Historic Preservation Tax Credit
- New Market Tax Credits
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- Other (please specify) _____

Dates

Date project began _____

Date project completed _____

Your completed award submission should include

- The information requested on this page
- 300-word project summary
- 2-page max project overview
- 2-page max preservation adherence
- 14 or fewer hi-res photographs
- Photo key
- \$25 fee per submission. One nomination free for members of Preservation Pennsylvania (payment link on the Award page of our website)

Email completed submission to
preservationpennsylvania@gmail.com

[Firefox now offers a pdf editing feature.]