



## 2026 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 4, 2026; Awards will be presented September 16, 2026**

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, 2021 and June 1, 2026.
- 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**

Nominations must be submitted as digital documents (PDFs and JPGs). Email as attachments to [preservationpennsylvania@gmail.com](mailto: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 Nomination (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 nomination fee. *ONE nomination FREE for members of Preservation Pennsylvania.* Link to pay nomination fee is on the Awards Page. If you are a member or become a member, please send an email to [info@preservationpa.org](mailto: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**

- Nominations must be received by Preservation Pennsylvania by the deadline of 11:59pm on May 4, 2026.
- All nomination materials become the property of Preservation Pennsylvania and will not be returned.
- Preservation Pennsylvania retains the right to exhibit and/or publish the nomination 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 nominees will be notified regardless of the decision. The award event will take place September 16, 2026 in York, Pennsylvania.

Questions?

Contact Mindy Crawford [mcrawford@preservationpa.org](mailto:mcrawford@preservationpa.org)

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**Email nomination and accompanying materials (or a link) to**  
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