

The City of Cambridge
Historic Preservation
Commission's

Annual Historic Preservation Awards
Program

*Call For
Nominations*

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Mission

The Cambridge Historic Preservation Commission is proud to offer their Annual Historic Preservation Awards Program. The annual awards ceremony takes place during May, National Preservation Month. This special event serves as the Commission's contribution to a month of activities recognizing and celebrating preservation efforts and cultural resources that promote Cambridge's history.

The goals of the awards program are:

- To recognize outstanding local achievements in the field of historic preservation
- To stimulate greater public awareness and understanding of historic preservation efforts and their benefits to the City of Cambridge
- To encourage excellence in the design and planning of projects affecting the City's historic resources and heritage

Eligibility

Any individual, organization or agency that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in historic preservation is eligible to receive a preservation award. Nominations may be submitted by any individual or agency. Related projects must be located within Dorchester County and have been completed within the last two years.

Judging

A jury of both professionals and preservation minded individuals will judge and evaluate the nominations. The panel of judges reserves the right to reassign award categories, to determine additional recipients for a given award, to disqualify nominations that are incomplete and to eliminate projects that did not adhere to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process where applicable.

The selection process will be based upon the following general criteria:

- ❖ Application of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
- ❖ The positive impact on historic resources in Cambridge
- ❖ The overall quality of the work
- ❖ The project or individual's ability to serve as an exemplary example for historic preservation
- ❖ The project or individual's contribution to educating the public on Cambridge's history

Award Categories

__ Commercial or Institutional Rehabilitation

For the outstanding restoration or rehabilitation of commercial or institutional historic buildings and/or sites

__ Residential Preservation Project

For the outstanding restoration or rehabilitation of residential historic buildings

__ Compatible New Construction

For innovative new construction that through its design particularly compliments the district

__ Landscape Residential Rehabilitation

For sensitivity and creativity in the rehabilitation of historic, residential landscapes

__ Preservation Project or Service–Individual or Organization

For educational initiatives or efforts that raise awareness and mobilize support for historic places

__ Special Preservation Awards

For the nomination chosen by the judges that exemplifies the spirit of the awards

__ Long Term Maintenance Award

For the exemplary long-term preservation of one or more historic buildings or landscapes

Nomination Procedure

Each nomination must include:

1. A completed nomination form: The form is included within this brochure.
2. A description, between 50 and 500 words, explaining the project, service or individual being nominated: The statement should clearly identify the purpose and scope of work, unusual challenges or innovative approaches, sensitive treatment of historic fabric, long-term impact and any other information that supports the nomination as being exceptional.
3. A minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs in .jpg format on a CD ROM or flash drive highlighting the project, organization or individual: For rehabilitation projects, before and after pictures are preferred. These items will be retained, so make necessary copies prior to submittal.

The Annual Historic Preservation Awards Program Schedule

Entry Deadline

Nominations must be completed and returned with all required attachments to the Planning and Development Department by March 14th, 2016.

Awards Ceremony

Awards will be presented at a ceremony during the month of May in celebration of Preservation Month

For Assistance

For more information on the awards, please contact LaSara Kinser at (410) 228-1955 or lkinser@chooscambridge.com

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