

COMMUNITY IMPACT/LOCAL HISTORY

Jackson County Michigan Historical Society

Criteria: Nominees must be individuals or organizations in Jackson County that have had/are having a significant impact in one of these areas: fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of local history, stimulating the preservation and interpretation of history, and or promoting and sustaining a general interest in history. The focus of this award is local history as opposed to an impact on the community in general. The historical impact can result from multiple accomplishments/projects or from a single accomplishment/project. If the nominee is an individual, he/ she must be a high school senior, at minimum. If the nominee is an organization, it must have existed in Jackson County for at least one year. Please use an extra sheet of paper, if necessary.

Email completed nomination and a digital image of the nominee to:
Rachel@experiencejackson.com, stating “JCMHS Award nomination” in the subject line, by **Friday, Oct. 9, 2026**. No nomination will be accepted if it is not accompanied by a completed nomination form. All finalists will be notified of their status after the awards are decided. Awards will be presented at our annual party in the fall/winter.

1. Your name and contact information (Note: in case we have follow-up questions, there should only be one person making the nomination, for clarity's sake)
2. Name of Person/organization nominated, and relevant contact and background information.
3. Explain why this nominee is worthy of a Community Action Award:
 - a. In what ways has the person/organization made a significant impact on the community's understanding/appreciation of local history? Be specific (i.e., who did what, when, where and why?).
 - b. Show evidence for the above. For example, list links of any historical videos they produced or historical websites they created; include digital scans of their work; and or provide links for newspaper articles written about their efforts to promote history, etc.
 - c. how do you gauge that impact in terms of how has it benefitted the greater public? Is their work publicly accessible and if so, how many people have seen/visited/benefitted from it?
4. What is your connection to the nominee? Are you a member, beneficiary, employee, relative, etc.?
5. Additional comments

HISTORICAL REHABILITATION AWARD

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Criteria: nominees can be single individuals, groups or organizations that have preserved the distinctive historic character of a building/structure/object in Jackson County. The award can be given to the individual or representative of the organization that spearheaded the renovation/restoration. The building/structure/object must be at least 50 years old and the rehabilitation must be significant, that is, have made a substantial, discernable difference or improvement. It also must have been conducted within the last five years. *The focus of this award is rehabilitation for historical purposes, as opposed to rehabilitation in general.* Please use a separate sheet to answer questions, if necessary.

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1. Your name and contact information. (Note: in case we have follow-up questions, there should only be one person making the nomination, for clarity's sake)
2. Name of the person/group/organization responsible for the restoration, etc., and relevant contact information for the individual(s) as well as the building/structure/object in Jackson County (address, etc.)
3. Explain why the nominee is worthy of this award and what they did to the building/structure.
 - a. List the timeline from beginning to end—what did they do and when?
 - b. Give a ballpark estimate of the money spent on the project.
 - c. Describe how many people were involved in the restoration project and the number of people affected by the result.
4. Show evidence for the above, including before and after photos and newspaper articles.
5. What is your connection to the nominee? Are you a member, beneficiary, employee, relative, etc.?
6. Additional comments

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT/LOCAL HISTORY

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Criteria: Nominees must be single individuals who are 75 years and older (hence the adjective “lifetime”), and have a strong Jackson County connection in one of three ways: 1) they were born in the county, 2) they lived in the county for decades or 3) they have dedicated their productive lives in a historical field in Jackson County. The focus of this award is on local history as opposed to general achievements. Ideally, the subject’s life work has positively impacted the community’s appreciation of local history and reflects multiple accomplishments that promote history spanning decades. Please use an extra sheet to answer questions, if needed.

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1. Your name and contact information. (Note: in case we have follow-up questions, there should only be one person making the nomination, for clarity’s sake)
2. Name of Person nominated and relevant contact and background information (age, etc.). Also please state their connections to Jackson (born here, worked here for decades, etc.)
3. Explain why this nominee is worthy of the Lifetime Achievement for History Award, answering these questions:
 - a. In what ways has the person’s skills, abilities and life enhanced the community’s understanding/appreciation of local history? Be specific (i.e., what have they done, when, where and why?).
 - a. Show evidence for the above. For example, list links of any historical videos they produced or historical websites they created; include digital scans of their work; and or provide links for newspaper articles written about their efforts to promote history, etc.
 - b. how do you gauge that impact in terms of how has it benefitted the greater public? Is their work publicly accessible and if so, how many people have seen/visited/benefitted from it? Provide a brief biography, if possible. Ideally, their accomplishments will have spanned decades.
 - c. What is your connection to the nominee? Are you a member, beneficiary, employee, relative, etc.?
 - d. Additional comments