The Excellence in Local History Award recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations who have dedicated their time, talent, and efforts to local and regional history that can serve as a role model of excellence. The award honors those associated specifically with local, county, and regional historical organizations within North Dakota.

**Eligibility:**
Eligible nominees may be individuals, groups, or organizations that have made a significant contribution in preserving, interpreting, researching, publishing, promoting or otherwise extending knowledge and understanding of the history of their locality, county, or region. Their efforts demonstrate evidence of long-term dedication and personal commitment to advancing the understanding of local history.

**Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:**
- Programs and Activities
  Examples of eligible programs and activities include, but not are not limited to: educational and interpretive programs; special events; festivals; reenactments; exhibits; historic preservation projects; tours (walking, auto, bicycling); publications; development and implementation of new technology (websites, social media, documentaries); genealogical and archival work; oral history projects; and workshops, seminars and public presentations
- Scope of work including research, documentation, conservation, preservation, methodology, and creative and innovative techniques
- Using historical records to reach new audiences
- Promoting primary and secondary source materials to researchers and schools, including the National History Day in North Dakota program
- Overall impact of activities to identify, preserve, interpret, and promote the history of North Dakota

**How to Apply:**
Nomination packets should include some or all of the following supporting documentation:
- Nomination Contact Form
- A biography (for individuals) or organizational history (for groups and organizations) and brief description of significant contributions of the nominee (not to exceed two typed, double-spaced pages)
- Narrative description of activities; research; budgets; staffing (paid and volunteer); and the effectiveness of delivery (not to exceed four typed, double-spaced pages)
- Copies of articles and reviews (either by or about the nominee), brochures, and any other supporting materials that document exhibits, programs, historic preservation, and any other activities
- Photographs or illustrations of the nominee and any activities described in the narrative
- Letters of support
Awards are reviewed by a committee appointed by the Director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND). Presentations of all awards are made annually through a method determined by the committee on a case-by-case basis. All materials submitted to the awards program become the property of SHSND, may be used by SHSND in promoting the awards program, and will not be returned.

**Due Date:**
Nomination packets must be delivered or postmarked by 5:00 pm on the second Friday of July. Entries delivered or mailed after this date may be held for consideration the following year. Send five copies of all materials to: Danielle Stuckle, Outreach Coordinator; State Historical Society of North Dakota; 612 East Boulevard Avenue; Bismarck, ND 58505.

For more information about the Local History Award program, contact Danielle Stuckle at 701-328-2794 or dlstuckle@nd.gov. Visit the State Historical Society of North Dakota’s website at history.nd.gov.
EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL HISTORY AWARD
Nomination Process

NOMINATION CONTACT FORM

Nominee:
Full Name (Individual or Organization):
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Address:
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City: ________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________________________
Phone: ________________________ Email: _________________________________________
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Additional Contact Person (for organizations):
Full Name:
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Address:
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City: ________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________________________
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Nomination submitted by:
Full Name:
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