

CCHS AWARDS OF MERIT

Awards of Merit in seven categories are presented at the Annual Meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies in June. Those awards recognize outstanding accomplishments of individuals and organizations serving the interests of CCHS. Do you know someone who deserves this recognition? Categories for awards are:

1. **COMMERCIAL** – business or corporate entity.
 - a. Meriting recognition: significant collections of historical records, cooperation with organized historical groups use of historical material in advertising, etc; financing of historical activities.
 - b. Criteria: significance and extent of distribution of historical information; scope of influence (other businesses, schools, historical societies, community organizations); quality and historical value of art or graphic work; nature of printed historical material (permanent or dated); extent of distribution of historical material such as newsletters, brochures, pamphlets, etc. (local, state or national)
2. **PRESERVATION** (complete acts of restoration/preservation) – organization or individual.
 - a. Meriting Recognition: restoration /preservation of historic buildings, landmarks, trails, monuments, documents, vehicles, costumes, art, armaments, etc; significant financial/material contributions advancing or enhancing historical restoration/preservation activities.
 - b. Criteria: scope of effort (time, cost, number of people engaged on project); historical importance of the restoration/preservation; time span of project (year started-completed); nature of financing (individual, society alone, legislative grant, community effort, etc.).
3. **SCHOLASTIC/AUTHORSHIP** (significant project/research in California history) – school or individual.
 - a. Meriting Recognition: publication of new or expanded historical material; translation of historical material into English or other language; sponsorship of scholastic effort in historical research, writing, restoration or preservation.
 - b. Criteria: historical significance and scope (local, state, national); originality, quality of research, evidence of sound scholarship; if a school project, how many students involved? How significant were results? What were primary motivating factors, both for sponsors and participants?
4. **INDIVIDUAL**
 - a. Meriting Recognition: significant service on behalf of, financial/material contributions and/or leadership to organized historical group(s) or project(s); promotion of historical objectives in community or state.
 - b. Criteria: duration, influence and scope of service/contributions/leadership.
5. **GOVERNMENTAL** – Political entity or official.
 - a. Meriting Recognition: introduction of or favorable voting record on legislation promoting/propagating history; cooperation with historical organizations in official and/or unofficial capacity.
 - b. Criteria: duration and scope of advancement of historical objectives, both officially and apart from political function; qualities of leadership in working for historical objectives.

6. **ROCKWELL D. HUNT YOUNG HISTORIAN** - individual or group of junior high/high school age.
 - a. Meriting Recognition: completed acts of restoration/preservation; significant service and/or leadership in historical project(s); promotion of historical objectives in community or state.
 - b. Criteria: historical importance of a restoration/preservation project(s); duration, influence and scope of service/leadership in historical project.
7. **WADDINGHAM/DOCTOR** Award (honoring Gladys W. Waddingham and Joseph E. Doctor) – Individual
 - a. Criteria: 25 years or more of consistent and outstanding service to a local historical organization.
8. **CALIFORNIA HISTORY DAY** Award(s) – Individual; Awardee(s) to be designated by the Education Committee of the CONFERENCE. Awards are presented at the California History Day judging in Sacramento; awardees are listed in the Awards Luncheon program, and may be invited to attend.
 - a. Meriting Recognition: significant History Day project on some aspect of California History.
 - b. Criteria: historical accuracy, originality, significance, quality, scholastic merit of individual project.
9. **MEDIA AWARD** - Newsletters, websites and other printed materials produced by historical societies. Nominations will be judged by people knowledgeable in the field of communication in various forms. Websites should be submitted in print form or on a disc.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 13, 2020

All nomination must be accompanied by the nomination form and by two letters of recommendation from third parties not related to the nominee. Nominees may not nominate themselves (see Rules for Award Nomination). Support documents include: 8” X 10” photo of nominee, photos of project, news clippings and any other evidence that tells the story. Must be in a 3-ring binder.

For additional information or copies of the form, visit our website at
<http://www.californiahistorian.com/Awards-of-Merit.html>