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Call for Nominations GHRAC Awards 2026 - Acknowledging Outstanding Achievements in Historical Records

Do you know someone whose dedication to the world of historical records deserves recognition? Whether it's an individual, historical society, library, museum, government entity, researcher, local historian, educator, or student, the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC) aims to honor their remarkable efforts and inspire a commitment to preserving the state's documentary heritage.

Since its inception in 2003, GHRAC's Outstanding Archives Awards Program has been recognizing outstanding efforts in archives and records work for the state of Georgia. By recognizing these achievements, the Board also strives to inspire others to actively use, preserve, and make our state's historical records more accessible in their work.

GHRAC has identified thirteen award categories for individuals and organizations. Award recipients will be honored during Archives Month in October by the GHRAC Board. The ceremony will be hosted by the Georgia Archives in Morrow, GA. **Nominations may be submitted from February 1 through June 1. They must be postmarked on or before June 1, 2026.**

The following is a list of eligible nominees (you may nominate your own organization):

- local governments, courts, school systems, state agencies, and institutions
- historical records repositories, historical societies, libraries, and museums
- educators, students, and researchers
- legislators and government officials
- individuals and organizations who support archives and records management
- specialized subject societies in related fields such as oral history, genealogy, folklore, archaeology, business history, etc.

Detailed information about the GHRAC Awards Program is available on the Georgia Archives website, <https://georgiaarchives.org/>. Navigate to the "GHRAC Awards Program" by entering "GHRAC" in the homepage search bar or by visiting https://www.georgiaarchives.org/ghrac/awards_program. The page provides comprehensive details, including the nomination form, instructions, award categories, selection criteria for all 13 categories, and a comprehensive list of prior award recipients.

A nomination package consists of the nomination form (please provide all requested contact information), a 500-word or less summary or project description, a copy of the work itself, and any supporting documentation

necessary to appropriately portray the complete work (such as in the case of a project which includes an exhibit, a website, or an audiovisual, instructional, service, or performance component). Please note specific requirements in the appropriate selection criteria for nominations. Nominators should pay particular attention to the following requirements: 1. Georgia students who research and write in an area other than Georgia history or a Georgia subject must use the resources of Georgia records repositories to qualify for these awards. 2. A letter of support from a professor, teacher, adviser, or other appropriate representative of an organization or institution must accompany students who nominate themselves or are nominated by a family member.

Nominations must be submitted electronically, either by the online nomination form at https://www.georgiaarchives.org/ghrac/awards_program or by emailing completed nomination forms and all supporting materials to tracey.johnson@usg.edu. For books published or to be published in print, GHRAC strongly prefers a hard copy submission. After emailing the nomination form and project description, please contact Tracey.Johnson@usg.edu by May 1 for mailing or shipping instructions. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances must be requested and approved before the June 1 deadline. Please note: Copies will not be returned.

Award recipients are traditionally notified in August or September, with the annual GHRAC Awards Reception and Ceremony scheduled for October at the Georgia Archives in Morrow, GA.

Your participation in this distinguished recognition program helps highlight and preserve Georgia's historical records. For additional information, please reach out via email to Tracey.Johnson@usg.edu.