



Cincinnati Preservation *Preservation Excellence Awards*

Cincinnati Preservation: Preservation Excellence Awards are a celebration of exemplary preservation projects from the Cincinnati Region. The celebration is in May during National Preservation Month. The program is a juried selection where the winners are announced at our annual celebration.

**The 2025 Awards Celebration will be Thursday, May 15th, from 6-9 pm at
The Carnegie Center of Columbia Tusculum- 3738 Eastern Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45226**

2025 Preservation Awards Submission Guidelines

Eligibility

- Projects must meet one of the award category requirements, but can select multiple categories to be considered for.
- Projects must be completed within the last three years. Previous nominations that did not win are permitted to submit new nominations as long as the project was completed in the last three years.
- The project must be within the counties:
 - Ohio- Hamilton, Clermont, Butler and Warren
 - Indiana- Dearborn and Ohio
 - Kentucky- Boone, Kenton and Campbell

Submission Process

- Payment of entry fee on the Cincinnati Preservation website.
www.cincinnati-preservation.org/awards
 - Members: \$100 (fee includes one complimentary ticket to the Preservation Excellence Awards Celebration)
 - Non-Members \$125 (fee includes one complimentary ticket to the Preservation Excellence Awards Celebration)
- Upon payment a personalized link will be sent to upload the application and attachments.
- You can pay for multiple submissions and one link will be sent to you to upload all submissions. You will see multiple folders in your shared folder for each separate submission.
- Complete all nomination forms for each project you wish to submit.
 - Upload your final files to your folder. You will be able to edit and update your submission until 5 pm on Friday, March 14th.
- **The submission payment deadline is 5 pm Wednesday, March 12th.**
- **The upload of nominations and attachments is 5 pm Friday, March 14th.**

Award Categories

Awards for Individuals or Organizations

Education: Recognizes individuals or organizations who contribute to the public's understanding, appreciation, and discovery of our historic resources and of historic preservation.

Preservation Champion: Recognizes individuals or organizations with long-term dedication to historic preservation and who have had significant influence in historic preservation within the Greater Cincinnati region.

Impact Award: Recognizes individuals, organizations, projects, or initiatives that have had a positive impact on preservation within the community.

Volunteer Award: Recognizes an individual who has given above and beyond their time and talent to further the mission of Cincinnati Preservation Association. *This award is chosen by Cincinnati Preservation Board of Trustees*

Awards for Building Projects

Preservation Excellence-Sustainability: Recognizes preservation projects that also incorporate appropriate conservation and sustainable treatments to lessen a building's environmental impact while preserving significant features that convey its historic significance. Projects must have been completed in the last 3 years.

Preservation Excellence- Commercial Project: Recognizes Commercial, Mixed -Use or Institutional projects that have been substantially restored or rehabilitated that while making alterations or additions have preserved features of the property that convey its historic value. Projects must have been completed in the last 3 years.

Preservation Excellence-Residential Projects: Recognizes Residential (single or multi-family) projects that have been substantially restored or rehabilitated that while making alterations or additions have preserved features of the property that convey its historic value. Projects must have been completed in the last 3 years.

Preservation Excellence-Adaptive Reuse: Recognizes projects that have reused an existing building for a purpose other than which it was originally built or designed for and have done so while also incorporating historic preservation best practices. Work must have been completed within the last year. Projects must have been completed in the last 3 years.

New Construction/Infill: Recognizes projects that have creative design solutions for compatible infill buildings in historic contexts. Residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings are all eligible. Projects must have been completed in the last 3 years.

Preservation Awards Nomination					
Individuals and Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Champion <input type="checkbox"/> Impact Award				
Building Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction/Infill <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive Reuse				
Nominee Name (who the award will be given to)					
Contact Name					
Nominee Email					
Nominee Address					
City		State		Zip	

Building Projects Only					
Building Address					
Building/Project Name					
Year Built		Year Rehabilitated			
Designation	<input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Easement <input type="checkbox"/> None				
Current Owner					
Owner Address					
Owners Phone					
Owner Email					
Architect/Project Lead					
Project Start Date (Month/Year)		Project End Date (Month/Year)			
Did this project utilize grants or tax credits? Please list					

Nomination Submitted By					
Applicant Name					
Applicant Address					
City		State		Zip	
Applicant Phone			Email		
Relationship to Nominee					
<p>If your project is selected to win, additional awards can be ordered after the event. They are \$250 for an extra award and they will take a couple of months to produce.</p> <hr/> <p>Submit form and documents by March 14, 2025. See submission process above.</p> <p>Questions? Please contact:</p> <p>Beth Johnson Beth.Johnson@cincinnatiapreservation.org Cincinnati Preservation 513-246-2046</p>					

Attachments

Images: Nominations must include a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 images that document the entire project, before and after completion. All images must be debranded, high-resolution, labeled and combined into a **single PDF**.

Primary Elevation Drawing: An elevation drawing of the Primary Façade of the project **must be submitted** in a PDF format. (not required for Individual or Organization nominations)

Drawings: (Optional) Drawings or plans may also be included, in PDF format, not to exceed 10 pgs. Drawings must be debranded.

Partners: List all architecture, planning, construction, financial etc partners that should also be recognized with contact information (mailing email and phone).

Questions: Completed narrative (see below). Questions can be answered in the form or in a separate document.

Scoring will take into account the following criteria. Narratives should address these topics.

1. Community support and collaboration
2. Preservation best practices
3. Creativity and innovation
4. Project quality and impact

INDIVIDUAL/ORGANIZATIONAL NARRATIVE

4000 character limit

Please provide a narrative description of the project, program, organization, or individual being nominated;

For the **Educational Award**, nominations include the nature of the program, efforts or contributions that they have made to further the public understanding of historic preservation or have furthered academic research related to preservation and its related disciplines. Nominees may include community and neighborhood leaders and organizations, dedicated individuals, educational institutions, or non-profit institutions.

For the **Preservation Champion Award** nominee has contributed to and furthered historic preservation in Greater Cincinnati. Please describe examples of the nominee's creativity, leadership, dedication, investment, or other efforts. Nominees may include neighborhood and community leaders, businesses, nonprofit organizations, government leaders, journalists, and other dedicated individuals, organizations, or companies who have shown long-term continued dedication to using historic preservation in their work and to improve the community.

For the **Impact Award** describe how the project, initiative, individual, or organization has had a significant impact on furthering historic preservation in the community. Nominees may include building projects, neighborhood and community leaders, businesses, nonprofit organizations, government leaders, journalists, and other dedicated individuals.

BUILDING PROJECT NARRATIVE

History and Significance (New Construction/Infill properties included):

2000 character limit

Please provide a brief history of the building, structure and/or neighborhood context, and its importance to the community. Include a general architectural description of the property, the architectural style, original use and other uses, any association with historic people or events, and any historic designations (i.e., National Register of Historic Places, conservation or preservation zoning) and the date of designations, if known.

Project Work:

4000 character limit

Describe the type of project, specifying restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, infill/new construction, or other. Describe the starting condition, purpose and scope of the project, the use(s) of the structure, the people it serves, portions of the property affected and unaffected by this project (i. e., interior, exterior), treatment of historic fabric (i. e., painting/treatment of masonry) and best preservation practices used. Include any specific relevant historic preservation and development challenges and innovative approaches used in the project. Highlight the impact of the project on the community and the preservation of the region.