

1836 Project Governor's Award

Guidelines

The Gubernatorial Historic Promotion and Patriotism Awards are presented annually under the sponsorship of the 1836 Project Advisory Committee to Texas educators and advocates of Texas history, whose contributions demonstrate significant achievements in promoting of the history and patriotism of Texas. The purpose of the award is to recognize meaningful work in historic promotion through increased public awareness, appreciation, and support for historic recognition throughout the state.

The 1836 Project Gubernatorial Award was started in 2025 by Governor Greg Abbott. The Awards program is distinguished from other awards in two important respects: it emphasizes involvement by individuals; and it recognizes a broad array of Texas promotion activities, from instruction, reenactments, interpretation, and presentation or event planning and completion.

Award recipients are selected by the advisory committee of the 1836 Project, which represent a cross-section of disciplines in the field of history and historic preservation. Presentation of the awards takes place in Austin. This award for promoting exceptional commitment and achievement; is associated with a monetary award and other accolades.

Eligibility Categories and Criteria

1. Individuals

Any Texas educator, involved in Texas historic and patriotic promotion is eligible for nomination. Eligible nominees will have made significant contributions over time to the advancement of historic promotion and/or patriotism in Texas schools. Nominations of these individuals working at a grassroots level are especially encouraged. *Teachers may not self-nominate.*

2. Projects

Projects shall have been undertaken within the last two years and not later than January 31st of the current award year of 2026.

A. Activities related to the identification, protection, promotion and interpretation of historic and prehistoric resources.

Some examples are below, but not limited to:

- Innovative efforts in history promotion education, public outreach, or interpretive programs.
- Nominations that significantly contribute to statewide knowledge of historic resources and/or contexts.
- Projects that demonstrate new or novel approaches to the promotion of Texas history and/or prehistoric archaeological sites.
- Exemplary historical research projects, including oral histories.

General Eligibility Information

Nominations should demonstrate creative instruction to the promotion and/or interpretation of Texas historic and/or prehistoric resources.

All projects will be performed in compliance with local, state, or federal law

Project awards are given in recognition of the person and project and not to any one entity involved with the project.

Special consideration will be given to historic promotion projects/activities that:

- Benefit the community and reflect community-centered and supported efforts.
- Broadens the lesser-known or often overlooked areas of Texas historic promotion activities.

Nominees shall not be involved in any promotion/preservation-related violations, lawsuits, or complaints. Compliance checking is conducted to ensure all awards are appropriate.

Please send nomination letters with a detailed description of why they should be considered, also, include contact information with phone number and an email to charles.wright@tea.texas.gov

School K-12 Individual Educator Award - \$5,000

Texas Historical Project Award - \$5,000

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