

Historic Preservation Awards

Application Form

1. **Property Address:** _____

2. **Property Owner:** _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Phone Number) (E-Mail Address)

3. **Nominator:** _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Phone Number) (E-Mail Address)

Please provide the following information with your application:

☐ **Award type (please mark one box)**

Structural Awards

- ☐ Historic Rehabilitation
- ☐ Restoration
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☐ Adaptive Reuse

Special Awards

- ☐ Architecturally Compatible New Additions or Structures
- ☐ Historic Landscapes, Sites, or Site Features
- ☐ Significant Achievement in Historic Preservation

☐ **Written statement (maximum length of one page)**

- Give a brief description of the project. Please specify how it meets the award criteria. Include a brief description of any special background for this building which relates to the project being nominated.
- If you are nominating a person, please describe the contributions he or she has made to preservation in Ames.

☐ **Color photograph(s) (maximum length of two pages)** showing the rehabilitation, restoration, or preservation of the building.

☐ **Historic documentation, if available (maximum length of two pages)** – photographs, newspaper articles, or other information which illustrates the importance of the work completed.

For more information, please contact:

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Applications must be submitted no later than 5 pm, Monday, February 22, 2021.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Rationale

The Ames Historic Preservation Commission's Annual Preservation Awards Program recognizes a variety of historic preservation activities that have been accomplished in the city. This awards program is intended to encourage the continuation of preservation activities in the future and to assist in promoting historic preservation and educating the public about preservation's cultural and economic benefits.

Eligibility

Building exteriors, site work, and other notable contributions to preservation in Ames that correspond to any of the award criteria defined below will be eligible for awards. The resources that are nominated must have undergone historic rehabilitation, restoration, or historic preservation, or adaptive reuse and be at least fifty years old. The structural work or other notable contributions for which an award is given must have been completed within the last three years. Projects that are substantially complete may also be recognized if completion is scheduled to occur during an annual award cycle.

Award Criteria

Structural Awards

1. *Historic Rehabilitation.* Repairing and/or altering a building or a feature of a building so that the structure has the appearance that such a building would have had fifty or more years ago, based on historic documentation for similar buildings of that time in Ames. This rehabilitation usually involves (a.) removing later work and repairing or reconstructing a distinctive feature or features of the building that may have been removed or substantially altered and/or (b.) repairing one or more distinctive features that remain intact on the building.
2. *Restoration.* Returning a building or a feature of a building to its own original appearance, based on historic photographs or working drawings of the particular building or careful consideration of the fabric of the structure itself. Like historic rehabilitation, restoration involves removing later work and either repairing distinctive features of a building or replacing those features that are missing.
3. *Historic Preservation.* Keeping an historic building – one that has survived without detrimental changes or deterioration – in good condition by performing the necessary maintenance and repair work.
4. *Adaptive Reuse.* Retaining the principal features of a building and in a sympathetic way modifying it for modern uses, although such changes may not be strictly consistent with the original appearance of the modified building or of other historic buildings constructed in the same time period.

Special Awards

1. *Architecturally Compatible New Additions or Structures*. Recognizing new construction that is architecturally compatible with and sympathetic to historic structures in the vicinity.
2. *Historic Landscapes, Sites, or Site Features*. Recognizing any historic resource not encompassed by the structural award categories (e.g., designed landscapes, landmarks, monuments, bridges, planned developments or streetscapes, etc.) that has undergone historic rehabilitation, restoration, or historic preservation similar to that described in the structural award criteria above.
3. *Significant Achievement in Historic Preservation*. Recognizing significant individual or organizational achievements in historic preservation, including but not limited to advocacy, planning, development, education, community leadership, and promoting public awareness.

Process

The City will notify neighborhood associations and send a press release to media outlets, explaining the award program and asking the general public to nominate award candidates for consideration. All nominations will be due to the Planning and Housing Department by 5 pm on Monday, February 22, 2021. Award winners will be determined by the Ames Historic Preservation Commission in March. Awards will be presented in late April.

Area

Eligible projects must have been undertaken within the city limits of Ames.

Number and Types of Awards

The Commission may choose to limit the number and type of awards given in any awards cycle.

Selection

Selection of award winners will be completed in March.