Each year, the Indiana Historical Society recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations whose efforts have enriched the lives of others by conveying awareness and appreciation of Indiana’s history on local, regional and statewide levels. IHS encourages organizations, individuals and communities across the state to nominate deserving projects and individuals for their efforts to promote the preservation, awareness and appreciation of state and local history.

**AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

**Caleb Mills Indiana History Teacher of the Year** is awarded to a teacher (grades 4 through 12) currently teaching American or Indiana history and recognized by his or her colleagues as making a significant contribution to the understanding of these two fields by his or her students. This award is named in honor of Caleb Mills, the father of Indiana’s common schools.

**Dorothy Riker Hoosier Historian Award** recognizes a historian who has made distinguished contributions to a) the field of historical scholarship, including presentation, use of materials, and preservation, or b) the affairs and activities of IHS. Dorothy Riker was a 50-year employee and editor for the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Historical Bureau from 1929 to 1979.

**Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions over an extended period of time to a) the field of history and/or b) the affairs of IHS. This award is named after philanthropist Eli Lilly, a lifelong leader of the Indiana Historical Society.

**Hubert Hawkins History Award** is made annually to a local historian for his or her distinguished service and career in local history. Hubert Howard Hawkins was executive secretary of IHS and director of the Indiana Historical Bureau. He was instrumental in increasing membership through visits around the state and with the Indiana Junior Historical Society.

**Willard C. Heiss Family History/Genealogy Award** is awarded to a family historian for his or her distinguished service and career in Indiana family history, helping genealogists discover connections between themselves and their ancestors through source material, family records, and well-documented stories. Presentation may include articles, books, use of materials, preservation, workshops and lectures, or it may include work in a library or archive, helping the public with questions about genealogy and family history over a long career. Willard C. Heiss was a preeminent authority on Indiana Quaker history and genealogy, and is credited with bringing order to the archives of Indianapolis.

**Outstanding Historical Organization Award** is presented to a local or county historical society, organization or site in Indiana which has demonstrated remarkable service to and programs for its community, and has demonstrated excellent application of professional standards and best practices. Consideration will also be given to nominations that demonstrate organizational transformation within two years preceding the nomination deadline.

**Indiana History Outstanding Organization Event or Project Award** recognizes an organization for an exceptional educational event or history project implemented during the past year, either one-time or ongoing, which relates to that organization’s mission. Examples include reenactments, publications, innovative media usage, exceptional teacher training and displays/exhibitions.

**Outstanding Collaborative Project** recognizes an exceptional project by a historical or heritage organization with one or more partners implemented during the past year. Projects must be a history-based event or project, either one-time or ongoing. Special consideration will be given to projects that share county or regional history.
2020 AWARDS
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Rules for entries

• Nominations must pertain to some aspect of Indiana state or local history.
• A nomination form must accompany each submission.
• All nominations must be submitted with at least two letters of support.
• Articles, brochures and other supporting documents are encouraged (on 8 ½ x 11 paper).
• Completed nominations must be postmarked by July 3, 2020. Late nominations will not be considered.

Please check one:

☐ Caleb Mills Indiana History Teacher of the Year  ☐ Willard C. Heiss Family History/Genealogy Award
☐ Dorothy Riker Hoosier Historian Award  ☐ Outstanding Historical Organization Award
☐ Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award  ☐ Indiana History Outstanding Organization Event or Project Award
☐ Hubert Hawkins History Award  ☐ Outstanding Collaborative Project

Nominee

Name: _____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: ___________________ Zip: ____________
Phone: (______) __________ Alternate phone number: (______) __________
Email address: ______________________________________

Nominator

Name: _____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: ___________________ Zip: ____________
Phone: (______) __________ Alternate phone number: (______) __________
Email address: ______________________________________

Submit nominations by mail to:

Awards Committee
Indiana Historical Society
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center
450 West Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Or by email or fax to:

kfetters@indianahistory.org
(317) 234-0076

Awards will be presented at the Indiana Historical Society Founders Day Dinner on Monday, October 5, 2020.
CHECKLIST

**Required:**

- Completed nomination form
- Two letters of support (clearly indicate in packet if letters of support will arrive separately)

**Additional suggested items to help document the project or nominee’s work (optional):**

- Additional letters of support
- Articles
- Brochures
- Photographs
- Book title pages
- Mission statements
- Project summaries
- Resumes

Please ensure that supporting documents are printed on 8 ½ x 11 paper.

All nominations must be postmarked by July 3, 2020. Submitted material will not be returned.

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**NOTIFICATION OF AWARD**

The Awards Committee is composed of IHS staff and Trustees, and community members as appointed by IHS. The Awards Committee reserves the right to move nominees into different categories, award multiple nominees within a category, or decline granting of an award within a category, as appropriate. All nominators will receive notice of results, and award winners will be contacted in August 2020. Awards will be presented at the Indiana Historical Society Founders Day Dinner on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center.

For further information, please refer to the Indiana Historical Society website at www.indianahistory.org/awards or contact Kay Fetters at kfetters@indianahistory.org or (317) 232-1888.

Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana’s Storyteller™, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing the state’s history. A private, nonprofit membership organization, IHS maintains the nation’s premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest and presents a unique set of visitor experiences called the Indiana Experience. IHS also provides support and assistance to local museums and historical groups; publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; produces and hosts art exhibitions, museum theater and outside performance groups; and provides youth, adult and family programs. IHS is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.