

# Burlington County History Recognition Program

2020

**BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION, DIVISION PARKS  
HISTORY RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: March 27, 2020**

From the cobbled streets of Colonial Burlington City to the farmsteads surrounding Mount Holly to the bog iron furnaces of the Pine Barrens, Burlington County has a rich history that spans over three centuries. The exploration and understanding of history is essential to understanding the people, places and events that make Burlington County the place it is today. In an effort to encourage the stewardship of the history of Burlington County, the Burlington County Division of Parks is seeking nominations for an annual countywide History Recognition Program. The program recognizes county residents, organizations and municipalities who have taken steps to explore, record and reveal history, as well as those who have proven to be remarkable leaders and educators in the field of history. This program will be administered in conjunction with the Historic Preservation Recognition Program.

The Burlington County History Recognition Committee will review nominations and make recommendations for awards to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Each winner and honorable mention will receive a plaque at a ceremony on May 22 at Historic Smithville Park. This program is administered by the Burlington County Division of Parks.

## History Recognition Program GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations must be typewritten on a History Recognition Award nomination form. The forms may be duplicated, and digital files of the form are available from the Division of Parks. **Each nomination, along with three copies, should be delivered no later than March 27, 2020 to “History Recognition Program”, Division of Parks, P.O. Box 6000, Mount Holly, NJ 08060. Telephone number for questions: (609) 845-3514.**
2. For Categories A, C, and D, nominations are not limited to history projects completed in 2019. *Projects completed at any time between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2019 are eligible for nomination.*
3. Explain why a commendation is in order, giving detailed supporting information. The Division of Parks staff will review the nomination for completeness. Applications lacking sufficient detail may be returned for revision. An extension of 5 calendar days will be given for revision.
4. Where possible, please submit a recent color photograph that shows the person, project or program with the application. Digital images in .jpg format (300dpi, min. image print dimension 3”x 5”) may be submitted on a CD-R or thumb drive. If appropriate to the nomination, more than two images may be submitted. **Please note: Photographs, CD-R and thumb drives will not be returned.** Other supporting information, such as newspaper articles and brochures may be included. Please read the nomination form carefully for additional requirements.
5. All history projects must be complete by the time of nomination.
6. Within the nomination and when applicable, please include any applicable information about any public funding sources or grants used.
7. Please list any partnerships or participants where applicable.
8. Self-nominations are acceptable for categories A, B, C, and D.
9. One History Award and one Honorable Mention will be given for categories A, C and D, a maximum of two awards will be given for Category B, and one award will be given for Category E. Awards may not necessarily be given in all categories each year. A maximum of 9 Awards and Honorable Mentions will be given in any year, regardless of the number of qualified nominations. Qualified nominations not receiving an award are welcome to submit nominations in following years, if desired.

## **NOMINATION CATEGORIES**

**There are five (5) categories of recognition:**

- A. Published History**  
This award category recognizes published works on county history and includes books, brochures and websites.
- B. Achievement and Leadership**  
This award category recognizes individuals or organizations who have made a significant contribution to the stewardship, promotion and dedication to the history of the county. Please note that a maximum of two awards will be given annually for this category.
- C. Education**  
This award category recognizes excellence and innovation in educational programs dedicated to the history of the county. In addition to grade school and university educational programs, this category might also include the recognition of museums, after-school programs, art and performance programs, etc.
- D. History Project**  
This award category recognizes efforts in expanding the scope of Burlington County history by highlighting new approaches and perspectives to the understanding of the county's past. This category might, for example, recognize efforts towards the understanding of historical issues relating to gender, culture, industry, civil rights, agriculture, etc.
- E. Historic Site/Organization of the Year**  
This award category recognizes excellence in programming, visitor engagement, and leadership at a county historic site or organization dedicated to the history of the county. Please note that self-nominations are not accepted for this category.

## NOMINATION FORM

1. Nominee:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

2. Nominating Party (for notification and invite):

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

3. Category of Nomination:

### **QUESTIONS 4-8 FOR CATEGORIES 'A' & 'D' ONLY** **(Published History/History Project)**

4. Name of History Project:

5. Description of project:

6. Project sponsor/funding (if applicable):

7. Please include at least one copy of the finished product.

8. Explain why a commendation is recommended. Give detailed supporting information using additional pages. Provide a description and brief background on the issues the project addresses, how it differs from existing research on the subject, and who the intended audience is. Please list all contributors to the project and the nature of their contribution and any sponsoring or partner organizations. Please provide any relevant information on how the product/project can be viewed/obtained, if applicable. Additional information may be attached to this form.

**QUESTION 9 FOR CATEGORY 'B' ONLY**  
**(Achievement and Leadership)**

9. Explain why a commendation is recommended. Please describe the nature of work performed by the individual/organization, length of service, positions held, previous awards, publications, and any additional information relevant to the subject. Additional information may be attached.

**QUESTION 10-14 FOR CATEGORY 'C' ONLY**  
**(Education)**

10. Name of the educational program
11. Description of the educational program:
12. Location of the program (include address):
13. Funding/sponsoring organization:
14. Principal educator/curator/program leader:

NAME:

PHONE #:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Explain why a commendation is recommended. Give detailed supporting information using additional pages. Provide a description and brief history of the program and its purpose. Describe the intended audience/participants, any required fees or equipment needed, and any products resulting from the program. Please feel free to include any additional related information.

**QUESTION 15-17 FOR CATEGORY 'E' ONLY**  
**(Historic Site/Organization of the Year)**

15. Name of the historic site or organization
16. Description of historic site or organization
17. Director/curator/program leader:

NAME:

PHONE#:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Explain why a commendation is recommended. Give detailed supporting information using additional pages. Provide a description and brief history of the historic site and/or organization and its purpose/mission. Describe the organizations leadership, intended audience/participants, programming, and visitor engagement. Please feel free to include any additional related information.