



## Award for Preserving History's Future



### I. Creation & Purpose

1. The NSCDA Award for Preserving History's Future (Award) was originally created in 2022 to increase the visibility of the work of the NSCDA so that it is publicly celebrated across our nation.
2. The Award honors an individual outside of the NSCDA who has shown exemplary leadership in promoting our national heritage in the areas of historic preservation, history education and/or patriotic service, all of which are at the heart of the NSCDA mission.
3. The recipient cannot be a member or subsidiary of the NSCDA; shall be an individual entirely independent of the NSCDA; and must be nominated by one of the Corporate Societies. Nominations are due before January 20th of each Biennial (even) year. Nominations distributed by email by January 25th with a vote being taken by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each Biennial year.
4. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Award Chair (Chair), Barbara Carlton Swift (Grantor), NSCDA President, NSCDA Vice President for Corporate Society Engagement, NSCDA Vice President for Mission Initiatives, the NSCDA Philanthropy Committee Chair, and the Scholarships Grants and Awards Chair.
5. Barbara Carlton Swift (Grantor) underwrote a fund in 2025 with a donation of \$50,000 to add a monetary component to the Award. The fund is held in an interest-bearing, restricted account from which \$10,000 will be drawn for the Award each Biennial year until the fund is depleted.

(Additional contributions specified for the Award may be added at any time to prolong the cash aspect of the Award.)

6. The individual receiving the Award will have the opportunity to designate, with the approval of the Selection Committee, the cash component of the Award to a project or fund associated with the work for which he or she is being recognized. The designation can only be made to a non-profit organization.
7. In addition to the cash prize, the recipient will be given a certificate of merit from the NSCDA along with a commemorative medallion.
8. The recipient must be present at the Biennial Conference to receive the Award in person.
9. The sponsoring Corporate Society agrees to pay the Award recipient's transportation costs to and from Washington DC. The NSCDA will provide overnight accommodations for the recipient, and the recipient will be our guest for the dinner at which the Award is presented.

## **II. Selection Process:**

1. A Nomination Form (attached) shall be completed by the sponsoring NSCDA Corporate Society.\*
2. All Nomination Forms must be received by email to the Chair, by January 20th of the given Biennial year. The Chair shall distribute the nominations by email to the Selection Committee (paragraph 4) by January 25<sup>th</sup> with the vote taken on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Chair will provide the Selection Committee's recommendation for the Award recipient to the NSCDA Executive Committee prior to its February meeting.

\*All Nominations should be kept strictly confidential from the nominated person(s)/organization(s) until a final decision has been made to prevent speculation and disappointment.

