



Friends Alliance Award Information and Nomination Form

About the Friends Alliance Awards

In coordination with the THC-[Historic Sites](#) Division's Community Partnerships Program, the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (FTHC) is accepting nominations for the 2023 Friends Alliance Awards to honor outstanding volunteer efforts by local Friends Groups or individuals that support THC historic sites. The awards are selected by a committee of the FTHC, and selections are approved by the FTHC board of directors during the summer quarterly meeting. To see previous award winners, go to the FTHC website, here: thcfriends.org/friends-alliance-awards

The 2023 Friends Alliance awardees will be recognized by the FTHC at the 2023 Real Places Conference. The FTHC will present a commemorative plaque and \$150 to each awarded Friends Group, or to the site if the awardee is an individual, to be used toward site needs or any board training that the Friends Group deems beneficial.

Friends Alliance Awards are offered to Friends Group organizations or to an individual volunteer in the following categories:

- **Civic Engagement:** for promoting and advocating for a THC State Historic Site to public entities, to maintain or elevate the site as a recognized community asset.
- **Fundraising:** for creatively engaging diverse community stakeholders to support the site.
- **Stewardship:** for augmenting site staff capacity by any means of assistance, such as by supporting special programs or projects, hiring site staff, fundraising for additional operational, maintenance or preservation needs, and/or providing in-kind services or supplies.

Nominations may be submitted by Historic Sites staff, by Friends Group members themselves, or by any member of the public. Nominations may not be made by FTHC board of Directors or staff, or by Austin Headquarters-THC staff.

Award Restrictions

Nominations for Civic Engagement, Fundraising, and Stewardship may be made for Historic Sites Friends Groups as organizations, or for an individual volunteer.

Nominations for an individual may be made for a volunteer regardless of their affiliation with a Friends Group.

The award is merit-based, and not all categories may be awarded in any given year.

Only one Friends Group or individual per category is awarded per year.

A Friends Group and individual volunteer may both be nominated and awarded for a single historic site; however, there must be separate nominations made for each award.

A Friends Group or individual may be nominated for only one category per nomination.

Multiple nominations may be submitted with separate nominations.

If a Friends Group or individual was awarded in the previous year, they are not eligible for a Friends Alliance Award in the same category in the immediate subsequent year, though they may be nominated in a different category.

The nominee's contributions must be consistent with THC programs, policies, and preservation recommendations.

Nomination and submittal information is below. **Deadline is by noon, Monday, September 26, 2022.**

Nomination Instructions

Each nomination must:

1. Include the nomination form. Complete the nomination information requested on this form, page 3 (category and contact information).
2. Include supplemental information. As a separate document, write a detailed description, no more than 2 double-spaced pages (approx. 500 words), with the following information:
 - a. A concise, single-paragraph synopsis of the achievement(s).
 - b. As part of the longer narrative, describe why the nominee meets the award criteria.
 - c. Give at least one example of how the Friends Group/individual meets the criteria.
 - d. State how or why the Friends Group/individual's activities are exceptional.
 - e. If the nomination is for a Friends Group organization, on a separate page, list the current board roster.
3. Submit by the deadline, Monday, September 26, 12:00 PM to CommunityPartners@thc.texas.gov.

Optional: Each nomination may include supporting documentation to illustrate the nomination, such as press releases, brochures, newsletters, etc., though supporting documents *are not required*. Supporting documentation should be copied and sent as email attachments with the nomination. Letters in support of the nomination will not be considered.

Nomination Form

Award Category:

(Select one per nomination. See award descriptions on first page.)

Civic Engagement Award Fundraising Award Stewardship Award

Nomination is for:

A Friends Group Organization An individual volunteer

Nomination Contact Information:

Friends Group Org./Volunteer

Name _____

Title, if applicable _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Nominator Contact Information:

Name _____

Nominator Title, if applicable _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Supplemental Information (required):

- Write a concise, single-paragraph synopsis of the achievement(s).
- Write a detailed description, no more than 2 double-spaced pages (approx. 500 words), with the following information:
 - Describe why the nominee meets the award criteria.
 - Give at least one example of how the Friends Group/individual meets the criteria.
- State how or why the Friends Group/individual's activities are exceptional.
- Include a current board roster (if nomination is for a Friends Group).

Nominations may be submitted via email by **noon, Monday, September 26, 2022.**

For questions, call Angela Reed at 512-463-5925, or email angela.reed@thc.texas.gov.

SEND BY EMAIL:

CommunityPartners@thc.texas.gov