



Historic Preservation Awards Nomination 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 nomination:

Qualifying Project Types (please mark one box)

Building Award Category:

- Renewing the Past* (Rehabilitation)
- Crown Jewel of Ames* (Restoration)
- Keeping the Past Alive* (Preservation)
- Architecturally Compatible New Additions or Structures*

Special Award Category:

- 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:

Parker Walsh, Assistant Planner
Department of Planning & Housing
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50010
Phone: 515-239-5400
Email: planning@cityofames.org or
parker.walsh@cityofames.org

Applications must be submitted no later than 5 pm, Thursday, February 26, 2026.

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 and be at least fifty years old. Additionally, architecturally compatible structures may be nominated. 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.

Qualifying Project Types

Building Award Category:

1. *Renewing the Past Award (Rehabilitation)*. Rehabilitation acknowledges the need to alter or add to a historic property to meet continuing or changing uses while preserving those portions or features which convey a building's historical, cultural, or architectural values. Rehabilitation encourages the continued use of a building for its original purpose or its adaptive reuse to accommodate a new function.
2. *Crown Jewel of Ames Award (Restoration)*. Restoration accurately depicts the form, features, and character of a property at a particular period of time in its history, while removing evidence of other periods and reconstruction of missing features. This award is reserved for substantial projects with significant visual impacts.
3. *Keeping the Past Alive Award (Preservation)*. Preservation focuses on the maintenance and repair of existing historic materials and retention of a property's form as it has evolved over time. Keeping a historic building – one that has survived without detrimental changes or deterioration – in good condition by sustaining the existing form, integrity, and materials of an historic property.
4. *Architecturally Compatible New Additions or Structures*. Recognizing new construction that is architecturally compatible with, and sympathetic to, historic structures in the vicinity. This includes sensitive new infill within historic districts.

Special Award Category:

1. *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.
2. *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 Thursday, February 26, 2026**. 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.