



Position Description

Position Title: Minnesota State Representative

Organization: [American Association for State and Local History](#) (AASLH)

Program: [Leadership in History Awards](#)

Reports To: [Leadership in History Awards Committee & Region 9 Representative](#)

About AASLH:

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) is the leading membership organization for professionals who preserve and interpret state and local history in museums, historical societies, archives, and other cultural organizations. AASLH provides advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities to its members.

About the Leadership in History Awards:

The Leadership in History Awards recognize and celebrate individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of state and local history. These awards honor outstanding leadership, innovation, and dedication to preserving and interpreting the past.

Why apply:

Applying for the role of State Representative for the Leadership in History Awards program is a great chance to get involved in state and local history. As a volunteer, you will help recognize and promote excellent historical projects, which contributes to preserving your community's heritage. This role will improve your networking and communication skills and connect you with people who share your interests, expanding your personal and professional network. You will also learn about the awards process, which will deepen your understanding of historical projects and advocacy. By dedicating your time and passion, you will make a positive impact while enjoying the fulfillment of celebrating history in your state.

Position Summary:

The State Representative plays a crucial role in the success of the Leadership in History Awards program. This volunteer position involves identifying and nominating deserving individuals from their respective state for consideration for the awards.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Identify Potential Nominees:** Actively seek out and identify individuals within their state who demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation, and dedication to the field of state and local history.
- **Gather Nomination Materials:** Assist potential nominees in gathering the necessary materials for their award applications, such as letters of support and resumes.
- **Review Nominations:** Review nomination packages to ensure they meet the program's criteria and are complete.
- **Promote the Awards Program:** Raise awareness of the Leadership in History Awards within the state's historical community through various channels, such as newsletters, listservs, and conferences.
- **Serve as a Liaison:** Act as a liaison between the Leadership in History Awards Committee and the historical community within their state.
- **Attend Committee Meetings (Optional):** Participate in occasional virtual or in-person meetings of the Leadership in History Awards Committee (optional).

Qualifications:

- Passion for state and local history and a strong understanding of the field.
- Experience working with historical societies, museums, or cultural institutions is preferred.
- Active involvement in the state's historical community.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Strong organizational and time-management skills.
- Commitment to promoting excellence in the field of state and local history.
- Previous experience with awards programs or committee work is a plus.

Benefits:

- The opportunity to recognize and celebrate outstanding individuals in the field of state and local history.
- The chance to contribute to the success of a prestigious awards program.
- Networking opportunities within the state and national historical community.
- The satisfaction of supporting and advancing the field of state and local history.

To Apply:

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter of interest outlining their experience and qualifications to Regional Rep, Milissa Brooks-Ojibway at mbrookso@d.umn.edu

Commitment:

This is a volunteer position with a commitment of approximately 4-8 hours per month, depending on the time of year and application deadlines.