

2022 AL MERITO AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



AL MERITO AWARD

Almost 50 years ago, the Arizona Historical Society established the Al Merito Award to recognize those who have contributed significantly to preserving and promoting Arizona history. Named for the nineteenth-century award bestowed by a newly independent government of Mexico for meritorious service to the Republic, almerito literally translates to *for merit*. Today, the Arizona Historical Society's highest honor acknowledges meritorious service for those who preserve and celebrate Arizona history. Following a review of all nominations, the AHS Board of Directors select one individual and one organization/group to receive the Al Merito Award annually. The Al Merito Award will be presented and the recipients publicly honored during the Arizona Historical Society Annual Meeting on Zoom and at the Arizona Heritage Center in Tempe on Friday, September 30, 2022.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Arizona Historical Society Al Merito Award. All nominations must be received no later than **August 12, 2022**. Nomination forms received after that date cannot be considered.

The Arizona Historical Society established the Al Merito Award in 1973 to recognize individuals and organizations/groups from every corner of the state who have made outstanding contributions and serve as role models for preserving Arizona's rich history.

We invite nominations of organizations and/or individuals whose special achievements have enriched the community through their vision, dedication, and love of Arizona history. Note: Applications may be submitted by anyone. AHS staff, AHS Board of Directors, and Chapter Board members are not eligible recipients while active. **Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:**

- ❖ Outstanding contributions or extraordinary efforts to interpret and disseminate Arizona history.
- ❖ Demonstrated enrichment of a community (as defined by the applicant).
- ❖ Serves as a role model for the preservation of Arizona history.
- ❖ Number of years worked in the field of Arizona history.
- ❖ Preservation of previously untold Arizona history or engagement with an underserved audience.

The nomination form is attached as a fillable PDF form. If additional space is needed to provide justification for the nomination, please include additional pages. No handwritten nominations will be accepted.

Please return the completed nomination form by **August 12, 2022** to Shelley Coriell at membership@azhs.gov, or mail to Shelley Coriell, Arizona Heritage Center, 1300 N College Ave, Tempe, AZ 85288.

For questions regarding the Al Merito Award Nomination, please call Shelley Coriell at **(480) 387-5359** or email to **membership@azhs.gov**.

