

# 2023 AL MERITO AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



## AL MERITO AWARD

Fifty 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 29, 2023.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2023 Arizona Historical Society Al Merito Award will be open from May 15, 2023 to June 15, 2023. All nominations must be received no later than **June 15, 2023**. 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).
- ❖ Serve 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.
- ❖ No self nominations or posthumous nominations will be accepted.

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 **June 15, 2023** to Shelley Coriell at [membership@azhs.gov](mailto: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](mailto:membership@azhs.gov).

# 2023 AL MERITO AWARD NOMINATION FORM



The Al Merito Award was created in 1973 by the Board of the Arizona Historical Society to recognize individuals and organizations/groups who have made significant contributions to the preservation and promotion of Arizona's rich history.

Nominations for the 2023 award are to be submitted no later than **June 15, 2023**. *Nominations received after this date will not be considered. No handwritten nominations will be accepted.*

Name of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed nomination form to Shelley Coriell at [membership@azhs.gov](mailto:membership@azhs.gov) or mail to Shelley Coriell, Arizona Heritage Center, 1300 N College Ave, Tempe, AZ 85288.

**Nominations are due June 15, 2023. Late nominations will not be accepted.**

Name of individual or organization being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the qualifications and merits of your nominee for the Al Merito Award. Nominations will be evaluated based on the strength of the criteria outlined in the Al Merito description. Attach additional pages if necessary.