



## **The Ada County Making History Award**

Recognizing a legacy of lasting achievements, forged by a vision for the future.

### ***Purpose Statement***

The Ada County Historic Preservation Council recognizes that history is made every day and that local people, businesses and organizations continually contribute to the County's legacy, even as they plan its future. This award recognizes the award recipient's long term commitment to our communities and the lasting legacy that has been created for current and future generations in Ada County.

### ***Details***

One award is presented annually at the State of the County address, which is held in March each year. Nominees shall be selected from a broad spectrum of local talent within our community, including educators, architects/designers, corporate leaders, sportsmen, entertainers, public leaders, and public or private organizations. The award is presented by the Board of Ada County Commissioners.

### ***Required Information***

1. Name, address and telephone &/or e-mail contact information for the person or organization being nominated.
2. Name, address and telephone &/or e-mail contact information for the person or organization sponsoring the nomination.
3. A summary of the contributions that the nominee has made to the legacy of the current and future people, businesses and organizations of Ada County.
4. A short biography or resume of the nominee if an individual, or a short history and statement of the mission and objectives if an organization.
5. A letter of recommendation in support of the nomination from one of the approved sponsors.

## ***Nomination Process***

### **Soliciting Nominations**

Nominations are required to be made through a list of approved sponsors, as described below. Each year the local media will be asked to announce that a general call for nominations for this award is being made. In addition, staff will maintain a mailing list of local leaders, organizations and others that express an interest in participating in this annual process, so that they can be notified directly.

### **Approved Sponsors**

Nominations must be made through the following list of people and organizations:

- Chambers of Commerce
- Local Elected Officials & Local State Senators/Representatives
- Local Leaders in Education
- Local Civic Organizations (Lions, Shriners, Rotary, etc)
- Local Leaders in the Arts
- Leaders of Local Professional Organizations
- Local Leaders of Federal or State Agencies

### **Process for Selection**

Each year a call for nominations will be made. An impartial subcommittee of the Ada County Historic Preservation Council is appointed to review the nomination proposals, with evaluation being based upon information submitted in the nomination. From the proposals that are received, the subcommittee selects two nominees that are deemed to most embody the standard set for this award. Unsuccessful nominations that meet the selection criteria will be retained by the Ada County Historic Preservation Council for consideration for future awards.

The subcommittee and/or its representative shall arrange a time to meet with the Board of Ada County Commissioners to present the two nominees, and to offer their recommendation of the preferred candidate. In the event that the Board has concerns about the appropriateness of either the chosen nominee or alternate, the Ada County's Sheriff's office can perform a confidential background check and report the results directly to the Board.

### **Researching the Candidate**

The Council and/or its consultant shall research and prepare text for a brief brochure detailing how the candidate is Making History in Ada County. Suitable photographs shall also be obtained that help to illustrate and/or define the achievements and personality of the award winner. A time should be set to review the progress of this information with the Board, leaving sufficient time to allow for finalizing details on the award and for design and production of the brochure.

## ***Awards, Etc***

An individual award will be created for presentation to the recipient. In addition, a perpetual plaque, which will be located in the Ada County Courthouse, will list the names of all recipients over time. A brief brochure and/or feature newspaper or magazine article will be created to tell the story of the recipient's legacy to current and future citizens of Ada County. Electronic versions of these brochures/articles will be made available on the Making History Award page of the Council's website ([www.adaweb.net/MHA](http://www.adaweb.net/MHA)).