

Country School Association of America Country School Preservation Grant Program

Purpose

This program provides up to \$500 per year for the preservation of one-room and two-room buildings once used as country schools. The maximum award to any one applicant is \$500 per year.

Application process

- Deadline is March 1 each year. If March 1 falls on a weekend or holiday, then applications are due the following Monday. Applications must be **postmarked** by the deadline.
- Submit **electronically or send one original and eight copies**.

Review process by CSAA Executive Board

- Board reviews applications to determine completeness and eligibility.
- Generally, grant awards are announced at the **annual conference in June**.

Selection criteria

Projects are evaluated on the basis of these criteria:

- Planned educational activities within a country school
- Use as a facility to interpret the history of country schools
- Plans for the preservation and maintenance of a country school
- Plans for incorporating curriculum development and teacher activities with area schools and/or community organizations
- Degree to which the budget is reasonable and appropriate to the project.
- Evidence of the support of one or more individuals, youth groups, associations, institutions, or companies (gifts in kind, funds, labor, etc.)

Other requirements

- Applicants may submit only one application per grant cycle.
- Maximum grant award is \$500 per applicant.

Project standards

Projects in the historic preservation category should demonstrate knowledge of, and ability to adhere to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*, and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*. Copies of these standards and guidelines can be found at www.cr.nps.gov/linklaws.htm. Projects in the museum or documentary collections categories that propose work on real property are encouraged to adhere to these standards and guidelines.

We may contact you if further information is needed.

Applications should be sent to:

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Applications and instructions are available at <http://www.cedu.niu.edu/blackwell/>

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