



# Illinois State Historical Society

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## CENTENNIAL AWARDS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly. Deadline July 20.

Business must have operated continuously in Illinois for 100 years or more.

**Please note: THERE IS A \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE**

**Current Legal Name of Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of organizational head: \_\_\_\_\_

Founding date: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization location (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Current nature of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any changes in ownership or status in the box below.

Name of local or nearest newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

### VERIFICATION OF FOUNDING DATE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM!

(See reverse for acceptable documentation to verify your company's history)

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Application fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation verified: \_\_\_\_\_

Photos received: \_\_\_\_\_ Plaque ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations received: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Acceptable Documentation

To verify the founding date and change of name of your institution, primary source documentation is needed. One of more of the following are acceptable if they contain dates:

- Minutes of early board meetings
- Ledger pages
- Charter grant by the state
- Contemporary newspaper advertisements or articles
- Bills or canceled checks

## Unacceptable Documentation

- Copies of pages from current local or county histories, unless photographs of original documents are included
- Booklets or promotional literature produced by your organization
- Current or recent newspaper stories

Photocopies are acceptable. Originals, if sent, will be returned upon request, unless you choose to donate them to the Illinois State Historical Society.

***PLEASE NOTE:*** Applying businesses are requested to furnish photographs, slides, or corporate logos to help promote individual corporate histories in the media. Images (digital photographs are acceptable) should highlight the history and growth of your business, but may include photographs of your founder, original and/or current building(s), company products, and historic documents.

Your local or county historical society or public library might be helpful in locating documentation. Call us if you need a name or phone number.

Send this completed application form and verifying documents to:



**Illinois State Historical Society**  
**Centennial Awards Program**  
**5255 Shepherd Road**  
**Springfield, IL 62703-5408**  
**Phone: (217) 525-2781**

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