



Illinois State Historical Society

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CENTENNIAL AWARDS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly. **Deadline: July 31, 2024.**

Business must have operated continuously in Illinois for 100 years or more.
(Awards also available for businesses that have achieved 125, 150, and 175 years.)

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: _____

For more about the Centennial Awards Program, please direct an email to: Officemanager@historyillinois.org

Acceptable Primary Source Documentation

To verify the founding date and change of name of your institution, primary source documentation is needed. One or 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
- Photographs for slide presentation

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.

Email or send this completed application form and verifying documents to:

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