



The Illinois State Historical Society
5255 Shepherd Road
Springfield, Illinois 62703-5408

Sesquicentennial House of Worship Awards Program Application

Please type or print legibly. Deadline July 31, 2020.

Houses of Worship must have operated continuously in Illinois for 150 years or more

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

Current Legal Name of House of Worship: _____

City: _____ **County:** _____

Name and title of contact person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name and title of organizational head: _____

Founding date: _____ Original location (if different) _____

Diocese, conference, synod or other affiliation: _____

Please describe any changes in ownership or status: _____

Name of local or nearest newspaper: _____

VERIFICATION OF FOUNDING DATE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM!

(See reverse for acceptable documentation to verify your house of worship's history)

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Date received: _____ Application fee enclosed: _____

Comments: _____ Documentation verified: _____

Photos received: _____ Certificate ordered: _____ Reservations Received: _____

Acceptable Documentation

Along with a brief history of your House of Worship, please include one or more of the following primary source documents to verify the founding date:

- Minutes of early house of worship board meetings
- Marriage or baptismal records
- Official charter grant
- Contemporary newspaper advertisements or articles
- Old city directories

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 houses of worship are requested to furnish photographs, slides, or logos to help promote individual corporate histories in the media. Images (digital photographs are acceptable) should highlight the history and growth of your house of worship, but may include photographs of your founder, original and/or current building(s), 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:



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