



Historical Marker Program FAQ

The Kentucky Historical Marker Program, administered by the Kentucky Historical Society in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, commemorates historic events, sites, and personalities throughout the commonwealth. This program connects events, people, and communities in order to bring the past to life and to increase the public's awareness of Kentucky history. The subjects of more than 2,500 markers vary widely, but all mark sites that local communities recognized as being important to local, regional, state or national history.

Who can submit an application?

Anyone! Historical societies or organizations, colleges and universities, local governments, private organizations, or individuals can propose a new marker by submitting an application to the Kentucky Historical Society. The application materials are evaluated by an independent advisory committee, which reviews applications twice a year.



When are applications due?

Taking a subject from an idea to a finished marker takes time, thought, and the work of many people. Marker applications are reviewed twice a year by our advisory committee. The marker review committee considers the historical relevance, significance, location, and community support of marker applications. The deadlines for applications to be submitted to the Kentucky Historical Society are **March 1st** and **September 1st**. Access our application on our website at history.ky.gov.

Can I submit more than one application during a single cycle?

Absolutely! As long as the application topics are different, you may submit as many as you wish. However, it is important to note that if one of your topics is approved, this does not guarantee the others will be.

How much does a historical marker cost?

Please contact Community Engagement Coordinator, Alli Robic, for the current cost figure (alli.robic@ky.gov or 502-782-8115).

What is included in the monetary support of the marker?

The marker cost includes the sign, post, shipping, and online presence via our ExploreKYHistory smartphone application and website. Installation is done in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Transportation. Some installation sites may require further fees determined by county or city agencies. KHS will facilitate initial discussions between marker sponsors and the Department of Transportation. The sponsor is responsible for finalizing installation plans with the DoT representative.

What is the timeline for applying for and installing a new historical marker?

If an application is approved by the committee during the respective application cycle, it can take between three and six months from payment date for the marker to be installed and dedicated.

What happens if I discover a damaged or missing marker?

If you discover a marker that has been damaged or is missing, please fill out our Kentucky Historical Society - Damaged/Missing form on our website. This will let us know here at KHS the marker's condition. If you are unsure about whether or not it is a state marker, we will be glad to help identify the marker. Please contact Alli Robic at alli.robic@ky.gov or 502-782-8115 for more information.

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