

# **New Jersey State Historical Marker Program**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Where can I locate the State Historical Marker Program Guidelines?**

The guidelines can be located [here](#).

### **Where can I locate more information about the RevNJ themes?**

You can find more information about the themes in the [RevNJ Handbook](#).

### **Who can apply?**

Local government units, nonprofit charitable organizations, civic organizations, and members of the public are all welcome to apply.

### **Will this program accept nominations on a yearly basis?**

Currently we only have funding for this 250th initiative, but we do hope to be able to offer additional application rounds in the future.

### **Are we allowed to submit nominations for multiple markers?**

Yes, you are welcome to submit more than one nomination.

### **What type of land can a funded marker be placed on?**

While the New Jersey Historical Commission can only provide funding for the fabrication of markers placed on public land, we will provide information about the process to those seeking to install a marker on private land or easement property. Approved private sites will be included on the New Jersey Historical Commission website as those organizations secure the funding for their historical marker. Privately funded markers will undergo the same nomination process and follow the same design specifications as publicly funded markers. Public land is defined as land owned by a municipal, county, state or federal entity.

### **If I want to place a marker on private property, what is the current estimated cost for fabrication?**

Currently, the approximated cost for a fabricated marker is \$3,000.

### **Should I obtain permission from the municipality or county government where the marker will be placed before submitting a nomination?**

Applicants are encouraged but not required to provide a letter of support from the municipality or county government where the marker will be placed.

### **Is a cemetery considered private or public property?**

It depends. If the cemetery is maintained by a federal, state, or a local agency then it is considered public property. If the cemetery is maintained by a religious institution or nonprofit, then it is private property even if the cemetery is open to the public.

**Where can I locate the inventory of state-owned markers?**

A list of the State-owned historical markers can be found on our website at:

<https://www.nj.gov/state/historical/historical-markers.shtml>.

**Can I nominate a marker for a site where a marker not in need of replacement currently stands?**

Ideally, we would not add a historical marker at a site where one already exists—whether it is a state marker or marker from a different program. That being said, there might be special cases, where we would determine that it would be appropriate to install a second marker.

**Can the NJHC assist me with conducting research for the application process?**

While the NJHC can provide you with a curated guide of repositories and online resources to start or further research process, we cannot directly assist you with conducting research on the specific topic of your proposed marker.

**What is the character count for the marker's text and title?**

The title is limited to 50 characters, and the text is limited to 605 characters. Both character limits include spaces.

**Will the markers be double sided?**

Yes, the text will be placed on both sides of the marker.

**Who should we contact if we have additional questions?**

You can reach out to us at [NJHC.Programs@sos.nj.gov](mailto:NJHC.Programs@sos.nj.gov).