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## **Council of State Archivists Awards Program**

The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) Awards Program is pleased to acknowledge individuals, institutions, and programs that have enriched and strengthened our nation's state and territorial archives. The Awards Program rewards innovative efforts and provides encouragement for the development of new and remarkable projects. By recognizing exemplary achievements, CoSA hopes to inspire others to make similar contributions to the field of government archives. The awards will be presented at the CoSA annual meeting.

CoSA invites you to submit nominations for the following awards:

- **Victoria Irons Walch Awards:** Named for CoSA's first executive director, these two awards acknowledge long-term and potential leadership of state and territorial archives.
  - **Walch Leadership Award:** Recognizes the sustained leadership and outstanding contributions of an individual or institution to the development of state and territorial archives or to CoSA. Criteria include:
    - Creatively and effectively meeting challenges and opportunities,
    - Demonstrating collaborative and innovative approaches,
    - Serving its constituency in an exemplary way, and
    - Exceeding normal expectations as a model for others.The recipient will receive a custom-designed award.
  - **Walch Emerging Leader Award:** Encourages the development of an emerging leader in state and territorial archives by providing training funds for an individual to attend leadership training. The recipient will receive a certificate and continuing education funds.
- **Advocacy for Archives Award:** This award acknowledges an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to efforts by state, territorial, and local government archives to ensure the preservation and availability of the American historical record. The recipient will receive a certificate.
- **Rising Star Awards:** These awards acknowledge outstanding contributions by individual staff. The recipient will receive a certificate.

All recipients will be recognized on CoSA's website and other communication outlets.

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### **Nomination packet:**

Nominations must consist of the following, submitted as a **single pdf file:**

1. Awards Program Nomination Form (see below)
2. **Brief Bio** (up to one page) addressing the accomplishments and ongoing work of the nominee. Include any CoSA-related involvement.
3. **Letter of Support** from one person (CoSA member or other) familiar with the nominee's work.
4. **Supporting materials** (*optional*) could include nominee's resume or fuller biography; illustrations of work products or promotional materials; press releases; or other materials. All such additional should be carefully selected and be directly related to the nomination.

### **Nomination and Selection**

- Any organization or individual is invited to nominate person(s), organization(s), or program(s) for any of CoSA's awards.
- Nomination of oneself or one's organization is permissible and encouraged.
- All nominations are submitted via email, combining the nomination form and additional materials into a single pdf.
- An Awards Committee, appointed by the CoSA president and chaired by the CoSA Immediate Past President, will review the nominations and select the recipients.
- The number of awards for each category is at the discretion of the Awards Committee, and they reserve the right to make no awards.
- Award recipients will be announced by May 9, 2023 with presentation of the awards taking place at the CoSA Annual Meeting.

Any questions may be directed to [awards@statearchivists.org](mailto:awards@statearchivists.org).



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## 2023 CoSA Awards Program Nomination Form

Indicate the award to which this nomination pertains:

- Victoria Irons Walch Leadership Award
- Victoria Irons Walch Emerging Leader Award
- Advocacy for Archives Award
- Rising Star Award

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following in the nomination package as **a single pdf**:

1. Awards Program Nomination Form
2. **Brief Bio** (up to one page) addressing the accomplishments and ongoing work of the nominee. Include any CoSA-related involvement.
3. **Letter of Support** from one person (CoSA member or other) familiar with the nominee's work.
4. **Supporting materials** (*optional*) could include nominee's resume or fuller biography; illustrations of work products or promotional materials; press releases; or other materials. All such additional should be carefully selected and be directly related to the nomination.

Nominated by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsed by state archivist (*if applicable*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email complete nomination packet as a single pdf to [awards@statearchivists.org](mailto:awards@statearchivists.org).  
Nominations must be received by **April 4, 2023, 11:59pm Eastern**.