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Dear Friend of Historic Preservation:

Along with this cover message, please find a poster announcing 10 scholarships and approximately 12 volunteer positions available for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's 45th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference. The conference is being held in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Wednesday, May 14 – Saturday morning, May 17, 2025. Please consider these opportunities for yourself, and consider sharing them with your colleagues, fellow students, boards, and communities.

These opportunities are not just for students!

- Scholarships are awarded to students, teachers, volunteers, elected and appointed officials, professionals, or anyone who has shown promising work or interest in preservation. They are intended for individuals who would not otherwise be able to participate without some financial assistance. Instructions for the application are contained in the poster's text. Scholars are expected to be at the conference site by 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 15, so they can be introduced at 9:30 AM during the MHPN's Annual Meeting.
- Volunteer opportunities are open to everyone. The Volunteer Application is included with this cover message. Volunteers are expected to work 3-4 hours per day and be on-site for a brief orientation at 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 15, and 7:00 AM on Friday, May 16.

Thanks for your interest! **The deadline for these opportunities is 5 PM on Sunday, April 13.**

Best,

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The Michigan Historic Preservation Network
45th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference
Sault Ste. Marie, MI www.mhpn.org/conference/
Headquarters: Lake Superior State University
Wednesday, May 14 - Saturday, May 17, 2025



“Bringing Stories to Light”

Founded in 1981, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) is the state’s largest membership organization advocating for historic preservation. The MHPN is pleased to bring its 45th annual conference to Sault Ste. Marie – a gathering packed with the knowledge and enthusiasm of the preservation community. We expect up to 400 participants from across the state and Midwest.

YOU can be a part of it...

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Through the generous support of our sponsors, the MHPN has ten (10) conference scholarships to award to students, teachers, volunteers, elected officials, professionals, or anyone who has shown promising work or an interest in historic preservation and would like to learn more. They are intended for individuals who would not otherwise be able to participate without some financial assistance.

Scholarships cover registration, conference meals, special events, tours, and three nights held for you in the conference hotel. We will help recipients carpool and find roommates, if requested. Recipients are responsible for personal incidentals and travel to-and-from Sault Ste. Marie. Scholars are expected to be at the Conference Welcome on Thursday, May 15, 9:30-10:30 AM to be introduced. A thank you letter written to the scholarship sponsor is the only required follow-up.

To apply, provide the following materials:

- A brief letter of interest including name, address, email, and cell number; a description of the applicant's connection to historic preservation; and a brief statement of financial need.
- A brief recommendation from the applicant's academic advisor, employer, or similar individual.

Email materials to Scholarship@mhpn.org by **5 PM, Sunday, April 13, 2025**. Be sure you receive an acknowledgement; if not, alert info@mhpn.org. Previous awardees are ineligible but encouraged to apply as volunteers. Please do not register until an award notification is received. You will receive a code to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers to this great networking opportunity receive a 100% registration discount on the days they work; the reduced Student Rate is available for additional days. Orientation is 8 AM on May 15 and 7 AM on May 16; Volunteers then put in a minimum of 3-4 hours in any day they work. Volunteers are responsible for travel, incidentals, and overnight expenses. We will help Volunteers carpool and find roommates, if requested. Whenever possible, Volunteers submitting early applications are scheduled to avoid conflicts with their sessions of interest. Areas of greatest need include registration, marketplace, and set-up/break-down. Email your application to Volunteer@mhpn.org by **5 PM, Sunday, April 13, 2025**. Be sure you receive an acknowledgement; if not, alert info@mhpn.org. Please do not register until assignments are approved. You will receive a code to register.