

Black and African American Historical Marker Project Overview

Submission Instructions:

1. Students, classrooms, community youth groups may submit suggested topics for historical markers through the online portal or email their submission to:

NCSblackhistorycommittee@fairfaxcounty.gov

Or mail to:

NCS Black History Committee

12011 Government Center Pkwy 10th floor,

Fairfax, VA 22030

2. Submissions must be received online or postmarked by **April 30, 2022 by 11:59 PM.**

3. After submission are received, the Historical Marker Project Voting Committee select the top submissions based on the scoring guide. All submissions will be recognized with a certificate and press release.

4. Students, classrooms or community youth groups will be notified if their submission is being considered as a possible topic for a history marker by Friday July 15, 2022.

Further questions can be directed to: NCSblackhistorycommittee@fairfaxcounty.gov

Considerations for Submissions

1. Students, classrooms, community youth groups may submit suggested topics for historical markers.
2. Each student can send in a submission, a classroom or community youth group can send in a group submission.
3. Submissions should commemorate a person who is no longer living. *

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4. Submission for a place or event made history at least 50 years ago. *
5. Submissions must be relevant to Fairfax County's history.
6. Submissions must honor an African American locally and be clear, informative and provide sources of historical accuracy; including oral history, news articles, webpages (excluding Wikipedia), books, etc.

The Fairfax County History Commission, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County Public Library will make resources available for all students in Fairfax County.

*With History Commission approval, an exception may be made.

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Scoring Guide for Historical Marker Project

Name of Student, Name of Classroom, Community Youth Group, Teacher or Sponsoring Adult

Contact Information, Name and Email(s):

Grade Level _____

Name of School Attending _____

Topic _____

Voting Committee Member's Name _____

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	Exceeds criteria 5 points	Meets criteria 3 points	Does not fully meet criteria 1 point
Relevance and significance	The submission commemorates a significant person, place, or event in Fairfax County's African American history and illustrates how African American experiences and contributions shaped Fairfax County's past and present. 5	The submission commemorates a person, place, or event connected to Fairfax County's African American history. 3	The submission does not fully commemorate a person, place, or event connected to Fairfax County's African American history. 1
Clarity and persuasiveness	The submission makes a compelling argument for the significance of the proposed person, place, or event. 5	The submission makes an effective argument for the significance of the proposed person, place, or event. 3	The submission makes an unclear or underdeveloped argument for the significance of the proposed person, place, or event. 1
Evidence and research	The submission is supported with adequate and appropriate evidence that highlights marginalized or underrepresented perspectives and experiences. 5	The submission is supported with adequate and appropriate evidence. Listing of sources 3	The submission is supported with insufficient evidence. Not citing any sources 1

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Connection to self, community, or beyond	The submission explains and further explains why the proposed person, place, or event matters to the student. (Includes self and others) 5	The submission explains why the proposed person, place, or event matters to the student. 3	The submission does not explain why the proposed person, place, or event matters to the student. 1
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