

Mower County Historic Business Award

The Mower County Historical Society invites the public to nominate businesses for the 2012 Mower County Historic Business Award. There will be up to 10 awards given during this inaugural year. Submissions are welcomed from business owners and from the general public. Applications are available on the MCHS website (<http://www.mowercountyhistory.org>) or in paper form in the main office.

Criteria for Nomination:

1. The business should have begun operation in Mower County in the year 1937 or earlier. Preference will be given to businesses whose corporate offices reside in Mower County.
2. The business must still be in operation today.
3. The current business name does not have to match the original business name as MCHS recognizes many businesses have changed ownership or partnership groups and brand recognition over time despite providing the same service.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Nominator must fill out the application completely and provide verification of all information with the application.
2. Nominator must present a payment (cash or check) of \$85 for the cost of the plaque to be given if the nomination is successful. \$15 of this amount is non-refundable if the nomination is unsuccessful.

Application Submission Deadline:

The application, supporting documents, and payment must be submitted to the Mower County Historical Society on or by January 20, 2012 at 4 PM. All applicants will be notified via mail by February 20, 2012. Awards will be made public on March 1, 2012.

Upon submission, the nominator grants permission to the Mower County Historical Society to use the application and its supporting documents for its own purposes as it deems acceptable to include future research projects and releases to the media.

2012 Mower County Historic Business Award Application

Please fill out this application completely and return it to the Mower County Historical Society on or by January 20, 2012 at 4 PM. Applications and supporting documents can be mailed to: Mower County Historical Society, 1303 6th Ave. SW, Austin, MN 55912.

Supporting documents may include: Copies of newspaper articles or other publications, incorporation papers, photographs, or business records.

Business Name: _____

Original Business Name (if different): _____

Current Address: _____

Current Owner(s): _____

Date of Establishment: _____

Type of Business or Services Rendered: _____

Please provide a history of the business and its ownership groups. Information should include business location(s), names of previous owners or partners and years associated, etc. Use additional pages if necessary but limit to 3 or less pages.

Is this business still in operation?(circle one): Yes No

Does this business maintain its corporate offices in Mower County?(circle one): Yes No

Why do you believe this business should receive the distinction of being called a Mower County Historic Business? Please limit to 100 words or less.

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

A fee of \$85 must accompany this application. Unsuccessful applications will be refunded less \$15. The Nominator has the option of allowing the Mower County Historical Society to retain the full 100% for unsuccessful nominations with 90% being a tax deductible contribution.

If my application is unsuccessful, MCHS should (circle one):
Issue a refund less \$15 Keep the full amount as a donation

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Application received by MCHS: __/__/__

Payment received with application: Y or N

Meets eligibility criteria: Y or N

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