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### **Deadline approaching for Oklahoma Heritage Association Annual Award nominations**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Nominations for the Oklahoma Heritage Association annual awards are due Jan. 8, 2010. These awards and cash prizes recognize organizations, individuals, educators and periodicals that are committed to preserving state and local history. Winners will be recognized at the Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Luncheon on March 31, 2010 at the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Award categories are:

- Organizations that are committed to preserving state and local history.
- Individuals who have volunteered to preserve state and local history.
- Individuals who have demonstrated volunteer and civic efforts that grow pride in their community; are well known for engaging the community in their efforts; and have created a legacy of pride for future generations (Lee Allan Smith Legacy Award)
- Educators teaching grades four through 12 who have demonstrated excellence in teaching Oklahoma history.
- Educators from an Oklahoma college/university who are committed to preserving state and local history.
- Periodicals that have shown a commitment to preserving state and local history through feature articles or a series of articles/editorials that promote state history.

To download the nomination form and specific criteria for each award, visit [www.oklahomaheritage.com](http://www.oklahomaheritage.com). Each nomination form must be accompanied by a one-page letter about the nominee's accomplishments in the areas of the award criteria. Nomination form, letters and supporting materials should be mailed to the attention of the Awards Committee, Oklahoma Heritage Association, 1400 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Nominations also can be dropped off at the admissions desk of the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum at 1400 Classen Drive. **Nominations must be received no later than Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 at 5 p.m.**

The awards are funded by the Gaylord family of Oklahoma City and the late Wanda L. Bass of McAlester.

The Oklahoma Heritage Association is dedicated to preserving Oklahoma history and promoting pride in our great state. Through each of its programs and the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, the Association tells Oklahoma's story through its people.

For more information about the Association, Museum or the annual awards, please call 405.235.4458, toll free at 888.501.2059, or visit [www.oklahomaheritage.com](http://www.oklahomaheritage.com).

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