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Nominations Being Accepted for African American Heritage Awards

Hartsville -- The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is seeking nominations for its annual “Preserving Our Places in History” Awards program, recognizing outstanding efforts to protect, preserve and promote African American heritage in the Palmetto State.

Individuals, groups and organizations can nominate themselves for the awards or be nominated by others who are aware of their work, contributions and achievements in the field. The SCAAHC requires a nomination form and documentation that explains and provides evidence to support the nomination. The documentation should include a one-page statement justifying the nomination along with letters and other materials of support.

Nomination packets must be received by Friday, Feb. 22. They can be scanned and emailed to SMShiple@OldeEnglishDistrict.com or mailed to:

**Strauss Moore-Shiple
Olde English District Tourism Commission
3200 Commerce Drive, Suite A
Richburg, SC 29729**

All nominees will be notified by March 5 of the winning selections. Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 4, at the South Carolina Archives and History Center at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia.

The SCAAHC will be accepting nominations for the following categories:

- **Individual Award** - This award recognizes a person who has demonstrated or made an outstanding accomplishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in South Carolina during 2018.
- **Group or Organization Award** - This award recognizes a group or organization that has demonstrated or made an outstanding accomplishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in South Carolina during 2018.
- **Project Award** - This award recognizes a project that has significantly and dramatically influences in a permanent way the preservation and interpretation of African American history and culture in South Carolina during 2018.

- **Student Award** – This award recognizes a current college student who has a great interest in, and has completed noteworthy work, towards the preservation of African American history and culture in South Carolina during 2018.
- **Legislator of the Year Award** – This award recognizes a legislator who has endorsed the preservation of African American history and culture in South Carolina and/or solicited funding through the South Carolina legislature for causes, groups or organizations that support the preservation of African American history and culture in 2018.

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Preserving Our Places in History
2018 Nomination Form



Award Category (Please select one):

_____ Individual Award

_____ Project Award

_____ Group or Organization Award

_____ Student Award

_____ Legislator of the Year Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

(Include Street Address, City, State and Zip Code)

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominated By (Person/Organization): _____

Address: _____

(Include Street Address, City, State and Zip Code)

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Please also complete the following:

1. On a separate sheet, state in 350-500 words why this nominee should receive the award.
2. Attach appropriate documentation (5 sources maximum) that explains and provides evidence to support the nomination. Please do not include resumes or curriculum vitae. If using online sources (such as newspaper or magazine articles), provide location (website url) AND a copy of the text. No website addresses or links only, please.

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