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# Press Release

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## Do You Know A Genealogist or Organization Deserving of Recognition?

**Hurry! Deadline for NGS Awards Nominations is 31 January 2018**

ARLINGTON, VA, 12 JANUARY 2018— Many genealogists and organizations serve our community selflessly for the greater good of the field of genealogy. If you stop to think about it, you will probably be able to name quite a few of them. They advance and support family history in hundreds of small ways and often by giving countless hours to local, regional, and national societies. They give time and money to planning, leading, and working on projects that have revolutionized our access to genealogy related materials by indexing and digitizing records, creating free websites and webinars, writing articles, lecturing, chairing conferences, blogging, designing materials, leading special interest groups, and creating communications and newsletters to share with colleagues and the public at large.

Each year the National Genealogical Society recognizes excellence in the genealogy

field with an awards program to honor deserving individuals and organizations. Unfortunately, we receive far too few nominations, given the work of so many. We want to recognize the contributions to our field, but we need your help to do so. When you take the time to nominate an individual or organization, you help the NGS Awards program continue to remind us of and celebrate the volunteerism, scholarship, and achievements in genealogy of those who have made outstanding contributions to NGS programs or have performed exceptional work in the field of genealogy, history, biography, or heraldry.

Please consider showing your appreciation of one or more individuals, a deserving organization, or an NGS volunteer by nominating them for an award. You still have time to submit a nomination for a number of NGS Awards, including:

- NGS Award of Merit
- The Shirley Langdon Wilcox Award for Exemplary Volunteerism
- NGS Distinguished Service Award
- The Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship (sponsored by ProQuest)
- National Genealogy Hall of Fame
- Fellow of the National Genealogical Society

The deadline is 31 January 2018. (Competition submissions closed 15 December 2017.) Winners for this year will be recognized at the NGS Family History Conference to be held May 2-5, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Descriptions of the awards and requirements can be found by visiting the NGS website for information about nominations and submissions and to view the calendar and deadlines for awards and competitions. On the [home page](#), click “Awards.”

Complete details and all necessary forms can be found at  
[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/awards\\_competitions](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/awards_competitions).

You will receive an acknowledgement that your award nomination has been received.  
If you do not receive an acknowledgement, or have questions, contact Chuck Mason,  
NGS Awards Chair, at [awards@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:awards@ngsgenealogy.org).

NGS Awards are administered by the NGS Awards Committee, which sets deadlines  
for the receipt of nominations. Nominations are submitted to the NGS Awards  
Committee, which reviews and evaluates the nominations.

**All nominations must include e-mail contact information for nominees and the  
persons nominating them.**

**Send nomination forms by postal service or e-mail.**

**NGS Awards Program**

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*Include "NGS AWARD" in the Subject line of your message.*

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exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington,  
Virginia- based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the  
most advanced family historian seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, and  
guidance in research. It also offers many opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

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